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## Dear Cougars,

We've hung together through it all in 2003-2004. We've eaten 52 slices of pizza, hundreds of pounds of chicken fries, and enough freedom fries to last a lifetime.

We've been through wins and losses as we went beyond the expectations to bring sectional victories to the Valley, rave reviews for plays like *Our Town*, and awards in some of our classes, such as journalism.

Not only did we push past the limitations for the familiar, but we satisfied our curiosity for the new with programs like the newly introduced Pilot Program.

Even though we were individuals, each unique in our interests, hobbies, and studies, we strived to be the best, and we did it together, ***Tied with Pride.***

Sincerely,  
Courtney and Amanda

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# Tired, Why Wait?

When asking a variety of students if they slept in class, I got answers like, "Yeah I sleep in class. I won't lie." Other students said no, "I don't sleep because it's disrespectful, and it is hard to fall asleep because it's not very comfortable."

If students fell asleep in Mrs. Price's class, she would wake them up by sprinkling water on them.

Mr. Price was known to shock students with "The Shocker" to wake them up or just stand by their desk and talk very loud.

Mr. Norwine used a different method, he called on you when he noticed you were dozing off, and then stood by your desk and spoke loudly until you woke up and picked your head up.

Another teacher mentioned when the subject of sleeping in class came up was Mr. Black. He used the technique called "The Earthquake." When he noticed someone sleeping, he shook their desk.



**Kevin Johnson**

The last class that a student mentioned was study hall. If you fell asleep, Mrs. Sohn poured water on you.

When asking students about any embarrassing moments when they woke up, or when they were sleeping, got responses like "I fell asleep in Mrs. Sherwood's Algebra II class, and when I woke up, I knocked all my books off my desk, commented Sophomore Keith Hoffman.

"I dozed off in Mr. Vanderlaan's Current Issue class, and if he didn't have a class afterwards, I would have slept through my next hour class," said Junior Elijah Richardson.

"When I dozed off in one of my classes, waking up with a jolt and having everyone notice embarrassed me, commented Senior Jennifer Allen.

"My most embarrassing memory was when I fell asleep in English, and I jerked myself awake and hit the person in front of me," said Junior Aleesha Wall."



**Ashley Matay, Brandy Whitford**



**Clifton Patrick Culpeck**

**Wesley Cogley, Trever Demsko, Miles**

Eating lunch in Mr. Jeff Mengel's classroom, Junior Benjamin Abbott makes his hot dog a little more appetizing. During 4th hour the pilot program held a cook out. They had hot dogs and lots of good food for the students. They also carved pumpkins, and had a bonfire where the students had the opportunity to make smores.

**By:**

**Amanda**

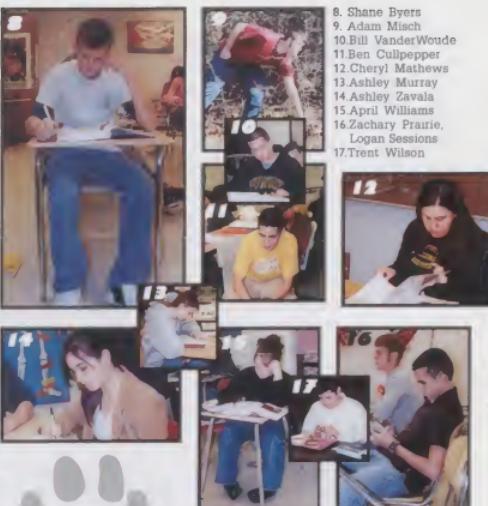
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**Opening**

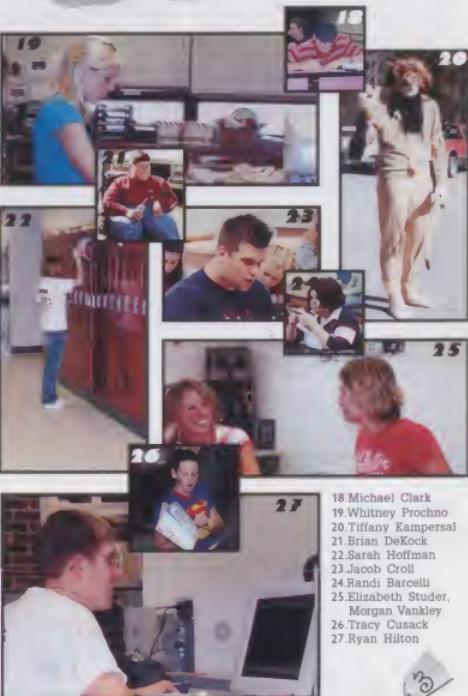


Studying for their big French Test, Seniors Brianne Kingma and Lorrie Lewallen sit outside of Mrs. Carey's Class. Brianne and Lorrie were both 4th year French students. They took French as an ISC during 4th hour, D-study time.



8. Shane Byers
9. Adam Misch
10. Bill VanderWoude
11. Ben Culpepper
12. Cheryl Mathews
13. Ashley Murray
14. Ashley Zavala
15. April Williams
16. Zachary Prairie, Logan Sessions
17. Trent Wilson

## Nap Time Anyone?



18. Michael Clark
19. Whitney Prochno
20. Tiffany Kampersal
21. Brian DeKock
22. Sarah Hoffman
23. Jacob Croll
24. Randi Barcelli
25. Elizabeth Studer, Morgan VanKley
26. Tracy Cusack
27. Ryan Hilton

# Four miles a day keeps the doctor away...

After thinking to myself, "How much do we walk DURING school each day?" I decided to look up some facts. What I found was generally surprising. American Heart Association stated that we needed to walk four miles every day to maintain a healthy life-style. Four miles a day? It was my guess that we could, in fact, handle that.

So in accordance, I decided to do an experiment. For three days, I wore a pedometer, a mile-counter, around school. The results turned out different than I had expected. It turned out that the average number of miles I walked for all three days was 1.6 miles.

So with only walking 1.5 miles during school hours, many teens were overweight. It seemed that one place teens could get exercise was

athletic programs. Unfortunately, coaches saw a decline in upperclassmen in these programs.

"I can't say that I've seen a lessening interest-meaning fewer girls on the team-but I do notice from year to year that we lose a few girls by the time they're seniors. Some of that is jobs or other responsibilities. For me, sometimes the hard thing to say is that, as some young girls mature, it's hard for them to remain athletically competitive," said track and field coach, Mr. Tim Adams.

In the end, we still went to the movies, ate the buttery popcorn, drank the diet pop, and scarfed down a box of junior mints, in spite of the American Heart Association's advice.

After all, we were still just kids, and eating pizza and candy, while not maintaining a healthy exercise program like walking, was what we did best.



Carmen VanKley, Cecilia Heckman

Brian Graaby, Alicia Anderson



Shane Bolen, Steven Kearney, Jarvey Harris



Breanna Tagg



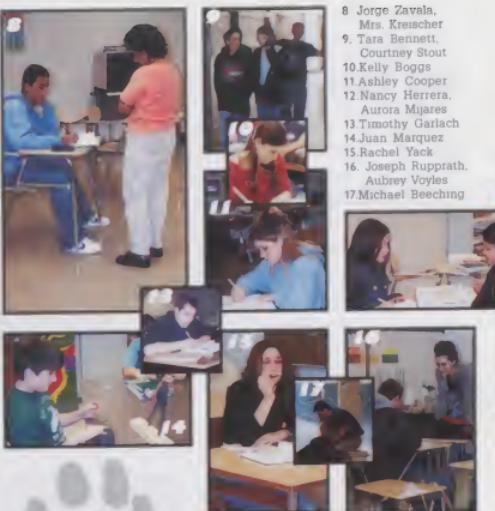
Jonnie Byers, Matthew Lane



By:  
**Courtney  
Grevenstuk**

Opening

**Practicing for Powder Puff.** Junior girls prepare to make an instructed play. Practices started at six in the morning and lasted until seven. Powder Puff players practiced for the one hour each day for three weeks. The game took place on October 2, with seniors taking the victory, 36-12. "Waking up at 5:30 in the morning to practice for an hour with the sun still down was a little tough, but it was so much fun that I kept returning every morning to do it again!" said junior Jessie Fuqua.



# Walking the miles



8 Jorge Zavala,  
Mrs. Kresscher  
9. Tara Bennett,  
Courtney Stout  
10 Kelly Boggs  
11 Ashley Cooper  
12 Nancy Herrera,  
Aurora Mijares  
13 Timothy Gartach  
14 Juan Marquez  
15 Rachel Yack  
16. Joseph Rupprath,  
Aubrey Voyles  
17 Michael Beeching

18 Amanda Schaper  
19 Abigail Mullins,  
Mrs. Brockway  
20 Bertil Carl  
Valenkamp  
21 David Stump  
22 Billie Jo McElroy  
23. Keith Hoffman  
24 Andrew Klemp  
25 Michelle Schurman,  
Mr. Adams  
26 Carrie Barrera  
27 Caitlin Sittema,  
Elizabeth Moran

# Do unto others as you want to be done unto...

Following the age-old saying, Do unto others as you would have others do unto you, we Cougars provided our community with many services.

We held numerous food drives, bake sales for various clubs, annual penny wars to raise money for Riley's Children Hospital, and Christmas Angel Tree opportunities in order to provide gifts.

"I really enjoyed providing someone with Christmas gifts who couldn't otherwise have any. I had fun shopping and wrapping all of her gifts. I plan on doing it next year," said Sophomore Ashley Pierson, who, along with all journalism students, provided a gift for an 8-year old girl.

Student Council hosted a student exchange with Kouts. together as one, to spread Cougar love and spirit everywhere.

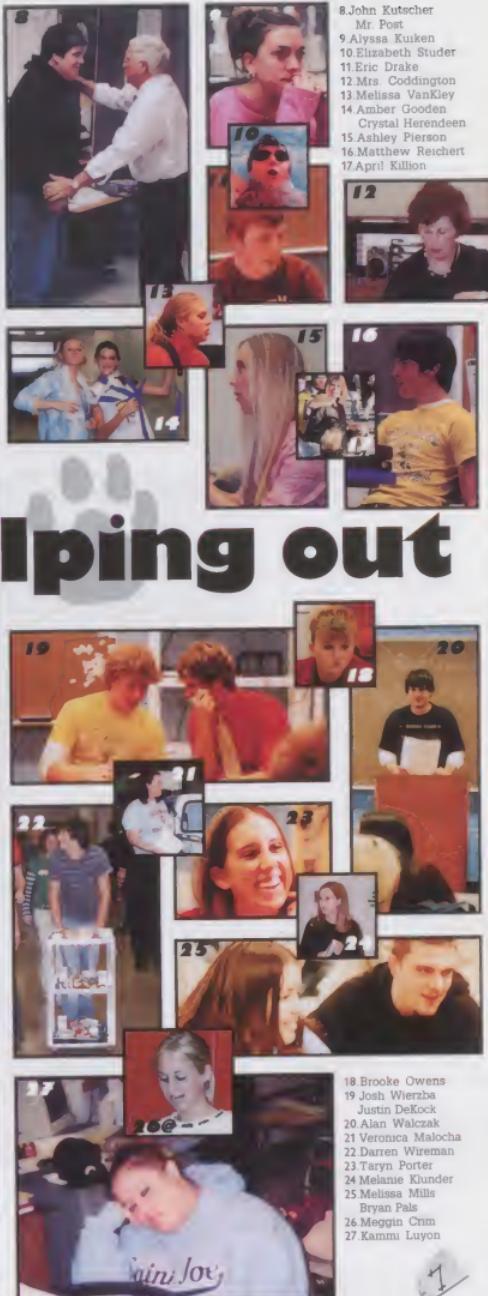


In First year ceramics, Senior Whitney Prochno paints her final project for the semester. Whitney was also involved in cross country, Student Council and a captain of the girls swim team.

**By: Amanda  
and  
Courtney**

Opening

**S**igning the sheet for See You at the Poll, Senior Krysten Gunter finishes up her message. The song leader for SYATP was the music director from First Reformed Church of Demotte, Pastor Jason. SYATP is an annual event that happens before school at 7:00 A.M.



8.John Kutscher  
9.Alyssa Kuiken  
10.Elizabeth Studer  
11.Eric Drake  
12.Mrs. Coddington  
13.Melissa VanKley  
14.Amber Gooden  
Crystal Herendern  
15.Ashley Pierson  
16.Matthew Reichert  
17.April Killion

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18.Brooke Owens  
19.Josh Wierzba  
Justus DeKock  
20.Alan Walczak  
21.Veronica Malocha  
22.Darren Wireman  
23.Taryn Porter  
24.Melanie Klinger  
25.Melissa Mills  
Bryan Pals  
26.Meggin Crim  
27.Kammie Luyon

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# WEEKS OF THE COUGARS!

**Students had tremendous amounts of school spirit during Homecoming week. Between the grape spitting contest, decorating of the doors and windows, and the parade, students had opportunities for tons of fun during the week of September 29-October 3. Freshman Candice DeFries said, "I think it is important to participate in spirit week because it gets everyone rowdy, and it's a lot of fun."**

Other activities included Bad Hair

**W**aving to the crowd Seniors Kelly Foley, Anna Gatlin, and Lindsey Peo sit on the float they made for the parade in Wheatfield. Most students dressed in camouflage during the game and parade to support the theme of spirit week.

**C**ruising in a Corvette, Senior Danielle Brubaker waves to the crowd. She was a nominee for the Senior class in the Homecoming court, which competed for the title of Homecoming Queen. Later that night, she was crowned Homecoming Queen.

**“Jeff McMillian worked hard all summer long balancing three sports (football, basketball, and golf). Jeff earned himself a starting spot as tightend on offense, and also a defensive end. During the first game of the year against Munster, Jeff got hurt right before half-time. As a result of the injury, Jeff was not able to play in another game the rest of the year.”**  
-Coach John Gray

day, Fake an injury day, Class colors and Jersey/ Fan Red/White day, and Camouflage day.

Junior Cassandra Pollard said, "One of the days most people actually participate in is pajama day because it is the easiest."

Even the teachers were involved in the week of pride. "Pajama/Bad hair day by far is my favorite, I love getting up at 7am and going straight to school like that. I'd like to do that all year. Then maybe high school would be less about appearance and more about what's real," said Mrs. Kingma.

Mr. Oliver's 4th hour class earned a free pizza party for winning the door

decorating contest. Senior Dwight Hewitt said, "It represented the whole school for what it's all about. We never give up, no matter what the challenge. We're tough!"

Throughout the week, classes worked together to try to raise points for the spirit stick. Points for the spirit stick were earned by dress up days, hall decorations, and lunch time activities.

Penny wars, which also counted as points toward the spirit stick, raised \$800 for Riley's Children's Hospital. Classes bombed each other by adding silver change to the opponents' jars. This silver negated an equal amount of pennies that were in the jar.



Activities

By:  
Olivia Ortiz

During Homecoming week activities, Sophomore Benjamin Lewis participates in the grape spitting contest. Freshman Nick Mackel looked in amazement as Ben spit the grape farther than anyone else who had spit so far.

Playing their instruments in the parade that was held in Wheatfield, Freshman Keith Axtell, Sophomore Killasandra Szczepanik, Senior Stephanie Pacoud, and Freshman Anne Janavich all march on beat.

#### FUN FACTS

1. 4th hour activities had grape spitting, decorating their doors, push-up contest, arm wrestling contest, army crawl, and hide and go seek.

2. Monday was pajama day/bad hair day, Tuesday was false an injury day, Wednesday was class color day, Thursday was jersey/super fan/red and white day, and Friday was camouflage day.



While marching in the Homecoming parade in Wheatfield, Freshman Ashley Thomas does a flag routine. "Guard is fun, and we should have more people involved. We had a competition in guard, and we lost, but we still had lots of fun," said Thomas.

Showing off their school spirit, Senior Dwight Hewitt, Mr. Oliver, stand by their Homecoming week door that won the door contest. They also supported the Powder Puff game by wearing shirts saying "Go Seniors."

Homecoming



# Senior Puffers Dominate

**Powder Puff was a big event. "We had a great team who got along with each other during practices, and everyone bought into what we were trying to accomplish as a team," said Senior Coach Mr. Kaluf. Seniors chalked up a second win in two years with a score of 36 to 12. "Powder**

Puff was a bunch of fun, except for those morning practices. Right Girls!?" said Cassandra Pollard.

Senior and Junior girls trained for the game. Every day the girls were at practice from 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Seniors had a playbook and a secret play. Although the Juniors did not have a playbook, they did have a secret play.

"I loved playing Powder Puff, and I am definitely going to play next year. Powder Puff really brought the Junior girls together. We were up for a hard competition against the Seniors and we faced it." Junior - Alesia Borden.

Seniors who scored points at the game were Jessica Richards, Heather Zylstra, Brook Owens, Tiana Jungles and Rebecca Thomason. Juniors who scored were Kathryn Huhn and Jenny Matusiak. Officials for the game were Mr. Gray, Mr. Greenlee, Mr. Adams and Mr. Armstrong.

Senior coaches were Mr. Kaluf and Mr. Jones, and the Junior coaches were Mrs. Valenkamp and Mr. Sterrett. "Powder Puff is a ton of fun. It feels good to come together after the game and celebrate victory." replied Senior - Megan Hinchy.

**S**enior Powder Puff: Row 1 Veronica Malecha, Angelena Oliver, Tiffany Owens, Amanda Schaper, Veronica Nikolas, Emily Walters, Jenifer Williams, Katelyn Blakely, Eprise Armstrong, Patricia Miley, Jennifer Klunder, Joanna Wilkerson. Row 2 Alison Jonkman, Kacie Woods, Brooke Owens, Melissa Vanley, Jo Ellen Wright, Rachel Ruth, Kelly Foley, Andrea Burnsion. Row 3 December Mayerink, Jamie Fritze, Renee Hoffman, Stephanie Kilkirk, Brianne Womae, Ballee Serockinski, Sharde Armstrong, Laura Seegers, Mandy Koster, Heather Zylstra, Jennifer Taylor, Courtney Grevenmacher, Row 4 Diane Whalen, Prentiss, Megan Hinchy, Krystal Barton, Sara Hoffman, Alyssa Domer, Brandy Whiford, Rebecca Freale, Nicole Granger, Jessica Peters, Cheryl Mathews. Row 5 Amber Cooper, Kristin Yenches, Jennifer Chernowsky, Abby Albin, Lindsay Peo, Lindsay Hamstra, Anna Gatlin, Brianne Kingma, Jessica Richards, Amanda Akers, Justyne Kondos, Danielle Brubaker, Meggin Crim. Coach Kaluf, Coach Jones.



**S**enior year was better without a doubt for Amber Cooper. "Senior year is better than Junior year because you know the plays," Amber said. Cooper added "The most memorable moment was when we all went over to Lindsay Peo's house and had a pizza party before the game."



Activities



**B**efore the football is put into play, Junior Kathryn Huhn gets ready to grab one of the offensive player's flags. Although it was her first year on the field, Huhn knew what was needed to succeed.

**J**unior Powder Puff Row : Allison Bestich, Stacey Kowalsky, Amanda Grisette, Kait Jarrett, Jamie Kowalsky, Linda Bierker, Elizabeth Kreischer, Kathryn Hester, Lindsey Craig, Amanda Raymond, Amanda Mendoza, Row 2 Alecia Borden, Kathryn Kemp, Margaret Wood, Jamie Jones, Jennifer Samstag, Brittany Bierker, Kimberly Kupfer, Nicole McCus, Megan Bierma, Jillian

Goly, Cassandra Pollard, Ashlee Matson, Row 3 Nicole Disney, Kristin Kowalsky, Natalie Anderson, Rebecca Blodgett, Cassandra Poirot, Ashley Linton, April Davidson, Ashley Tlernia, Tonya Burst, Megan Passalakoukos, Row 4 Samantha Phinney, Linda Onderwater, Ashley Padilla, Jessie Fugate, Christine Sullivan, Candice

Abell, Dianna Hamstra, Brandi Kitz, Emily Smith, Aleasha Wall, Carrie Rice, Row 5 Cassie Gray, Tiffi Rice, Natalie Kaitlyn Ketchum, Jessica England, Mary Dugger, Elizabeth Sutton, Jennifer Bennett, Ashley Vankley, Jennifer Harnenga, Samantha Moran, Sarah Jabaay, Amber Cunningham, Coach Starrett, Coach Valkenburgh.



### Six fun facts about Powder Puff.

1. Powder Puff gate receipt was \$3,300.00.
2. Seniors used "Get Low" by Lil' John and The Eastside Boys as their theme song.
3. Junior chant was "I ain't never scared" (IANS) by Bone Crusher.
4. Juniors had IANS put on the back of their playing shorts.
5. Seniors had "Can't touch this" or "Seniors" on the back of their playing shorts.
6. Seniors purchased victory shirts before they won the game. On the back was a place to fill in the score.

**T**rying to catch the football, Junior Ashlee Matson puts her hands up in hopes of getting the ball. Senior Jennifer Chernowsky tried hard to pull off her flag before Ashlee got the ball. "Powder Puff was an awesome time," Junior Ashlee Matson.

**B**efore the whistle blows for the next play, Juniors Vicki Onderwater, Chrissie Sullivan, April Williams, Kimberly Kupfer, Megan Passalakoukos, Megan Bierma, and Tonya Burst focus on how to make a touchdown. The Seniors succeeded in blocking the Juniors.



# Powder Puff

By: Siobhan Urbano



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# Cheer for the Cougars!

**Quiet reigned across the gym as Mr. Black paused before announcing "Juniors" had won the spirit stick!**

The gym went crazy as the Juniors screamed, and the Seniors looked on in amazement. Junior Jennifer Bennett cried, "When I heard Mr. Black announce that we had won the spirit stick, all my friends and I jumped on each other. It was a memorable experience that I'll never forget."

Walking across the gym floor, Seniors Megan Diaz, Melissa Strehler, Sophomore Cassandra Coffer, Senior Tiana Jungels, Rebecca Thomason, and Lorrie Lewallen receive recognition for playing on the schools soccer team this fall. The girls soccer team won 11 games out of 17.

Participating in the fourth hour activities, Sophomores Laura Vanderlugt and Clarisa Bonilla enjoy doing the arm crawl in the cafeteria during lunch. After a close race, Laura Vanderlugt won the race.

It was a long week of spirit activities, excitement, and anticipation for the upcoming pep session. Students piled into the gym ready to scream and jump. Pep session started when all the fall sports players walked across the floor as everyone applauded their friends. Soon the cheerleaders were doing their dance in camouflage, and leading the school in cheers to pep up the spirit.

Fighting with Joshua Wierzba, the Indian from Calumet, the Cougar needed some help from Senior Shawn Kuiper, and then a group of Senior students. In the

end, the Cougar and the students won, and the Indian was carried away. Sophomore Ashley Pierson said, "The fighting was so intense and really got everyone into the moment. I think it was the best pep session we've ever had."

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Seniors did a great job at the Lip Sync, but it was the Juniors who brought it all together. When it was time to give away the Powder Puff award, the Seniors were pumped as Mr. Black announced their victory. The band played the school song, and everyone was dismissed.



By:  
Amanda  
Thompson

Performing in front of the school, Freshmen Chelsea Castillo and Jodi Anderson enthusiastically do the "shopping-cart" for the Lip Sync. "We went in there thinking we were going to bomb, but as soon as we started, the crowd went insane!" said Castillo.

Showing their spirit, Seniors Angie Oliver, Katelyn Blakely, Courtney Grevenstuk, Tiffany Owens, and Kacie Woods hold up a sign supporting the Seniors. Senior cheerleader Justyne Kondos looks on with the other Seniors as they waited to see who won the spirit stick.

### 5 interesting facts about the Lip Sync.

1. Freshmen danced to "Hit me with your best shot" by Pat Benatar.
2. Sophomores danced to "Mickey" by Paula Abdul.
3. Juniors danced to "Shake your Tail Feathers" by Nelly, P-Diddy, and Murphy Lee.
4. Seniors danced to "Drama" by David Banner.
5. It was a close call between the Seniors and Juniors, but the Juniors won the Lip Sync.



Dancing to her part in the Lip Sync, Sophomore Carmen VanKley practices in the auditorium after school. "It was a lot of fun performing in front of everybody and not caring about how stupid we looked or we were acting," she exclaimed.

Standing her ground for the Junior Lip Sync, Junior Elizabeth Sutton strikes a final pose with her foot on William Whited as he lays on the ground. Juniors worked the crowd with dance moves and energetic attitudes, winning the Lip Sync.



ep session



# Brubaker; Team "Chalks" Up Victories

**Homecoming was one week in the school year that everyone looked forward to in so many ways. Cougars had dress up days, the powder puff game and activities, door decorating contests and a whole bunch of school spirit.**

Crowning of the new queen, Danielle Brubaker, was a very emotional time for many people. "The moment was wonderful. There were a lot of emotions

all mixed up, but the experience was worth it," said Senior Danielle Brubaker. Everybody wanted their friend to win.

"I definitely think that Danielle Brubaker was the right choice for Homecoming Queen. She has a great personality, and she's beautiful. I think that she takes the position very well," said Sophomore Caitlin Sittema.

After struggling through the first three quarters, the grididers came back with the help of Erik DeKock who scored

the winning touch down. "I wanted to win. At that time, scoring was all that mattered. I didn't want to let the team down after Franklin (Eden) made a great catch to put us that close to the endzone," said Senior Erik DeKock. Thanks to the team's dedication and love for the game, and Prescott's new leadership, we showed our opponents who the Cougars really were by winning our Homecoming game. That's an achievement that our school can be proud of for many years to come.

**F**ront row: Danielle Brubaker (Queen), Eric Vankley escort) April Pliot, Trent Roorda, Sarah Clark, Kris Baccino, Allison Jonkman, Justin DeKock, Jamie Anderson. Back row: Derek Kunzman, Jodi Williamson, Darren Wireman, Ashleigh Tronjo, Caleb Rice, Whitney Prochno.

**I**t didn't matter how cold it was outside to Sophomores Mallory Wierzbka, Megan Anderson, and Jessica Nuss, who came out to support their football team regardless of the cold wind at Fred Jones Field.



**F**or the past few years, Mr. Mike Peo has assisted in coaching the football team. Peo, who played for KV from 1992-1996, remembered the emotion of Homecoming games. With his help, the team came together and won the game 29-28.

"I was really happy with how we came back and won the game," said Coach Peo.



By:  
Ashley  
Verburg

**P**laying at half time, Freshman Keith Axtel, Senior Rebecca Fraley, and Freshman Lindsey Tobias show their school spirit through their music. Marching Bands performance earned them a first at area competition.

**R**eceiving the sash from 2002-2003 Homecoming Queen, Sarah Clark, Senior Danielle Brubaker accepts with a smile. Brubaker was able to walk across the field to receive the honor in spite of recovering from a broken pelvis.

**Three Fun Facts  
about  
Homecoming Night**

**1.** At the annual Smash the Car, in spite of the fact that the sledge hammer was broken, around \$200 was made.

**2.** Considering how cold and windy it was outside, Homecoming drew a large crowd.

**3.** This was the first year in four years that we won Homecoming.



**C**heerleading on the night of Homecoming, Juniors Janelle Kondos and Brittney Luketic scream Gimme a 'K.' Popular cheers always earned a response from the fans.

In a home game against the Calumet Warriors, #7 Junior Gentry Brown makes his way toward the endzone. Players like him gave KV pride.

Homecoming



# Is for Student Life

Hi Friends,

Wow, have we accomplished a lot this year. Just in the first four months, Senior Katie Nuss was named a National Merit Foundation Applicant, and Senior Bailee Serocinski played Clara in the Christmas production, *The NutCracker*, at the Star Plaza. Then there were all the Rotary winners, 1st nine weeks perfect attendance awards, and the honor-roll recipients who received pins, magnets, bumper stickers, and donuts. We have had four superseniors.

Right before Thanksgiving break, Mrs. Bulla left us for another job. Ms. Norris was teaching Mrs. Garrison's science classes while she was out for maternity leave, but we worked together through the hard times, all **TIED WITH PRIDE**.

Sincerely,

Amanda and Courtney

Showing off her ballet costume from the *Nutcracker*, Senior Bailee Serocinski poses for a picture after performing on Wednesday, Dec. 3 and Thurs. December 4 at the Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville. In addition to getting the lead role as Clara this year, she also starred as Clara at Star Plaza five years ago for her first time. She also taught dance for the Prairie Arts Council in Rensselaer and Imperial Dance South of DeMotte.



While sitting in Mr. Black's English 11 class, Lindsey works on a group project. She likes this class because there is a variety of people and Mr. Black makes it interesting. Her next class would be Mrs. Miller's painting class. Her other favorite class is Mrs. Miller's Painting 1 class. "Painting 1 is a very relaxing class. I enjoy just sitting back and painting. It's unlike my other classes. I'm not so stressed out about getting good grades."

**~Lindsey Brooker~**





“I really like being a senior. It's so much fun, and my classes are not very hard.”  
~Senior Amanda Anderson~



3. Tending to the barbecue, Mrs. Belei and Mrs. Jackson watch as students participate in various Halloween activities during a pilot program event.

6. Tending to a metal shop project, Juniors Brian Grady, Matthew Brumley, and Robert Whited follow all correct procedures.

4. Working on his project in woods class, Junior Bryant Barrera pays close attention to each detail.

7. Looking on at various specimens, Holly Logan and Carrielle Baumgarte view their projects through microscopes.

5. Finishing up his English homework during Mrs. Kingma's Freshman English, Freshman Jason Polomchak silently continues to write his paper.

8. After being announced as Homecoming Queen, Senior Danielle Brubaker accepts her crown from Principal Apple.

9. Running an instructed play, Juniors Julie Dowhen and Alecia Borden run hard during practice, which started at 6 a.m. and ended at 7.

10. Cheering at a football game, Juniors Diana Hamstra, Michelle Berg, and David Fischer support their team, as they played against rival Rensselaer Bombers.

**Amanda Akers**

**Abby Albin**

KK 9-11, P Puff 11.12, Sunshine 9-12, Swimming 9  
**Jennifer Allen**  
**Amanda Anderson**  
BPA 12, KK 9, Sunshine 10.11, Yearbook 10.11  
**Enterprise Armstrong**



**Shayde Armstrong**  
**Dawn Aurelia**

Choir 11.12, Color Guard 10.11  
**Kristopher Bacino**  
**Stephen Bacon**  
**Steven Bailey**

Env 12, FCA 12, Football 9.11.12, Varsity 12



**Mikhail Baker**

Baseball 9, B-ball 9, Env 9-12, FCA 9-12 For Lang 9-11, KK 9-12, SADD 9-11, Soccer 9-12, Swimming 11.12, Track 9-12, Varsity 10-12

**Erin Bakkevski**

Cheerleader (Litter) 11.12, Sen Leader 12, Env 10-12, FCA 12, KK 9-12, SADD 12, Soccer 9-12 Varsity 12

**Robin Baldauf**

Choir 11, Env 12, FCCLA 10.12, SADD 11.12  
**Justen Barcelli**  
**Piper Barrera**

Sunshine 9



**Krystal Barton**

B-ball 9-11, Sen Leader 11.12, Env 9-12, KK 9-12, Pathfinder 9-12, P Puff 11.12, SADD 9-12, Soccer 9.12, Sunshine 9-12, Tennis 9, Varsity 11

**Andrew Beedle**

Cheerleader (litter) 12, Mirage 12, Peer Facilitation 11.12

**Christopher Bernier**

**Alex Bishop**

Baseball 9.10, CC 9-11

**Maegan Black**



**Katelyn Blakely**

BPA 12, Choir 10-12, KK 9.12, Pathfinder 11.12, P Puff 11.12 Captain 12, SADD 12, Sunshine 10-12

**Timothy Bledsoe**

Newspaper 9

**James Bolen**

**Jordan Bonesteele**

B-ball 9-12, Sen Leader 12, Golf 9-12, KK 9-12, Varsity 10-12, Spike Down 11

**Amber Bonilla**

B-ball 9, Sen Leader 12, Class Officer 12, Env 9-12, For Lang 9-12, KK 9-12, Pathfinder 9-12, SADD 9-12, Softball 11.12, Stu Co 11.12, Sunshine 9-11, Varsity 10-12, V-ball 9-12, Pm FC 11, VP KK 12, Prom Com 11

**Danielle Brubaker**

Court 9

**Andrea Burnison**

FCCLA 12, Pathfinder 12, P Puff 12, Sunshine 12

**Jake Bykerk**

Football 9.10, Golf 9

**Brittney Caldwell**



## Seniors Reflect On

# Memories

Walking the halls for what seemed like the millionth time, seniors prepared to say goodbye on June 6 at Graduation. The end loomed near for each and every senior as they made plans for college, careers, and families. Although most were anxious to leave, seniors reflected on fond memories.

"Although I am ready to leave this place, not everything was bad. I had good teachers, good friends, and good dances. In fact, I have quite a few good memories, but with that, I also have the not so good times," said **Amanda Anderson**.

The hard times included facing harsh realities about the world. With three or more classmates involved in life changing car crashes, seniors reflected on what was truly important. Also, with the stress of college looming ahead, seniors became a bit crazy. SAT's, college applications, scholarship forms, career choices, or just plain graduating weighed on each student's mind.

With many victories to their name, the senior class left their impact on the school.

Powderpuff players claimed wins two years in a row. **Bailee Serocinski** played Clara in the *The NutCracker* at the Star Plaza, and **Katie Nuss** was named a National Merit Foundation Applicant, as well as starring in *42nd Street* at the Valparaiso Opera House. There were also many Super Seniors, including **Randy Ivanov**, **Samuel Kent**, and **Stephanie Kikkert**. Then, **Robert Jabaay** went to Indiana University to run in state competitions for cross country.

The program called Senior Leaders, where seniors helped freshmen find their way in high school, offered fun memories for all. "Senior Leaders was a great program that I really enjoyed. The freshmen that my partner and I worked with were great. In fact, I wish them luck in their future years of high school," said **Jo Ellen Wright**.

### Senior Class officers:

Row one: Bailee Serocinski, secretary and Megan Kwasniewski, treasurer. Row two: Amanda Bonilla, vice president and Anna Gatlin, president.

Br. Cheryl  
Matthews



Adam Naughton



Jennifer Klunder



Enterprise Armstrong Mrs. Coddington

"By going to school events and actually caring about school. I'll paint my face, wear a kilt, and scream and yell till I have no voice."

Senior Eric Bakrevski



"I show school spirit by interacting with my teachers in order to make learning fun and enjoyable for both me and my teachers." This can best be done by questioning everything."

Senior Brandon Patton

# How Proud We Are She Said

## How do you show school spirit?



"I show school spirit by being a cheerleader. Also, I am involved in Kougar Krazies, Student Council and many other clubs. I like to dress up for all of the dress up days during Winterfest and Homecoming week. I also like the other spirit week activities (like grape spitting)."

Senior Brianne Kingma



"I participate in many school activities. When I'm there, I fully support our school. When we're still not doing well, I keep a smile on my face to keep spirits up!" Justyne was a cheerleader during all four years of high school."

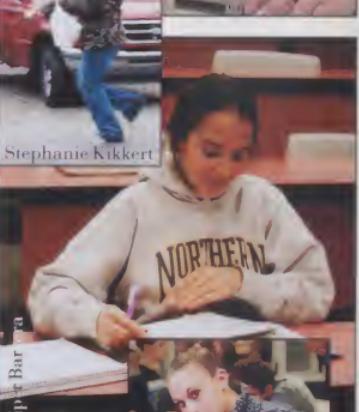
Senior Justyne Kondos

During "A" Lunch, Seniors Tiana Jungels and Krysten Gunter converse while finishing their lunches. Favorite lunches included pizza, popcorn chicken plate, shrimp plate, hot turkey sandwich, bread sticks, cheese sticks, Hostess, water, Snapple, and an assortment of chips/pretzels/crackers.

Christopher Eich



Stephanie Kikkert



Piper Barra



Abigail Mullins

By: Cheryl Mathews



Seniors



**Stephanie Cell**

Env 9, 10, 12, FCA 10-12, For Lang 9-12, KK 9, 10, Pathfinder 9, 10, 12, SADD 10, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, Sunshine 9, 10, 12, Varsity 10, 12, V-Ball 9, 10, 12, TFC 12, Secretary 12  
**Ragina Carmell**  
P Puff 11

**Jodie Carter**  
Env 9, 10, 12, FCA 10-12, For Lang 9-12, KK 9, 10, 12, Pathfinder 9, 10, 12, SADD 10, 12, Stu Co 9, 10, Sunshine 9, 10, 12, Varsity 10, 12, V-Ball 9, 10, 12, TFC 12

**Martina Cavarria**  
**Jennifer Chomowsky**  
Academic Team 10-12, Sen Leader 11, 12, Chour 9-12, Env 10-12, Env 10, For Lang 9, 10, KK 11, 12, NHS 10-12, Treasurer 11, 12, Pathfinder 9-12, P Puff 11, 12, Sunshine 9-12

**Angela Ciesielski**  
Env 9, 10, 12, P Puff 11, SADD 9-12, Sunshine 9, 10

**Michael Clark**  
FCA 10-12, Pathfinder 9-11, Soccer 9-11

**Joanna Cleghorn**  
**Tony Colee**  
Baseball 9-12, Env 9-11  
**Antonia Cooper**  
Env 9-12, KK 9, 10, Pathfinder 9, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 10-12, Softball 10, 11, Sunshine 9, 10, 12, Yearbook 9-12, Sports Editor 11, 12

**Megan Grim**  
B-Ball 9, 10, Sen Leader 12, Env 9, 11, KK 9-12, Pathfinder 9-12, P Puff 11-12, Stu Co 10-12, Sunshine 9-12

**Johnathan Cusack**

**Traey Cusack**  
Art 12, B-ball 9, 10, Sen Leader 12, Drama 12, FCA 11, 12, For Lang 9, 12, KK 9, 12, P Puff 11, 12, Soccer 10-12, Softball 9-11, Stu Co 11, 12, Sunshine 9, 10, Track 12, V-ball 9, 10

**Matthew Daniels**

Env 12, Newspaper 12  
**Shawn Davidson**

**Joseph Davis**

Baseball 12  
**Brian Deeter**  
Chour 9, Env 12, Newspaper 10

**Eric Dekock**

Sen Leader 12, Env 10-12, FCA 10-12, Football 9-12, Captain 9, 10, FFA 9-12, KK 11, 12, Pathfinder 11, 12, Captain 9-12, Stu Co 10-12, Track 11-12, Varsity 11, 12, Wrestling 9, 11, TFC 12

**Alyssa Demeter**

Chour 11, For Lang 9, Golf 9-12, KK 12, P Puff 12, SADD 11, Sunshine 9, 11, Tennis 9, 10  
**Megan Diaz**  
Cheerleading 9-11, Sen Leader 12, Chour 9, Drama 12, Env 11, 12, For Lang 11, 12, KK 11, 12, Media 9, 10, Pathfinder 11, 12, P Puff 11, 12, Soccer 9, 11, 12, Stu Co 11, 12, Sunshine 11, 12, Swimming 10, Varsity 12, Yearbook 11

**Victor DiTola**

Env 10-12, FCA 11-12, Football 9, KK 9-12, SADD 11, Track 11, 12, Wrestling 9, 10, 12

**Mattew Donis**

CC 11, 12, Env 9-12, FCA 9, 10, Football 9, 10, For Lang 11, 12, Golf 9, Pathfinder 11, 12, Swimming 9-12, Captain 11, Track 11, 12, Varsity 10-12

**Devin Dorn**

B-Ball 9, Sen Leader 12, Class Officer 10, 11, CC 12, Env 10-12, Pres 11, FCA 10-12, For Lang 9-12, Golf 9, Homecoming Ct 10, KK 9-12, NHS 10-12, Pathfinder 10-12, Pioneers 9-12, SADD 10, 11, Soccer 9-11, Stu Co 9-12, VP 11, Pres 12, Track 11-12, Varsity 10-12, Class Pres 10

**Brian Downing**

FFA 9-11, 13, 14, 15, 16, Stu Co 9, 10, Track 11, 12

**Eric Drake**

Env 10-12, Env 10-12, KK 10, 11

**Stephanie Driscoll**

Chour 11, Sunshine 9-11

**Jeremy Easte**

Frenkin Eden

Baseball 10, Sen Leader 12, Football 9-12, Track 9, Wrestling 9

**Matthew Edgeman**

Christopher Eleb



**Justin Erickson**

**Maribel Espino**

**Jon Estill**

Baseball 9-12, Sen Leader 12, Env 9-12, Football 9-10, Wrestling 10

**Brandon Fajey**

Acad Team 11, Computer 9, Env 9-10

**Kelly Foley**

Sen Leader 12, Env 9-12, FCA 10-12, For Lang 9-

11, Golf 9-11,2, Captain 12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders

9-12, P Puff 11,12, SADD 12, Memory 12, Pres

12, Softball 9, Sunshine 9-12, Swimming 10-12,

Captain 12, Varsity 11, TFC 12

**Sherri Foust**

**Rebecca Freley**

Band 9-12, BPA 10-12, Pres 11,12, KK 9-11, NHS

11,12, Pathfinders 9-12, Peer Facilitation 9, P Puff

11,12, Sunshine 9-12

**Jamie Fritze**

P Puff 12, Sunshine 9-12

**Anna Gatlin**

Sen Leader 12, Class Officer 11,12, VP 11, Pres 12,

Env 9-12, FCA 11,12, For Lang 9-11, Homecoming

Court 9, KK 9-12, Exec Bd 9,11,12, Pathfinders 9-

12, Peer Facilitation 9-11, P Puff 11,12, SADD

11,12, Memory 12, Stu Co 9-11, Sunshine 9-12,

Tennis 9, V-ball 9, TFC 11,12, Founder & Pres 11

**Trevor Gibbs**

**Sheryl Glauff**

**Rebecca Goetz**

B-ball 9,10,12, Sen Leader 11,12, Class Officer 9,

FCA 10-12, For Lang 10,11, KK 9-12, NHS 10-12,

Pathfinders 9-12, P Puff 11,12, SADD 12, Soccer 9-

12, Captain 12, Sunshine 9,10, Track 9-12, Varsity

11,12, TFC 12, Treasurer 12, Orchestra 9-12

**Nicole Granger**

Sen Leader 12, Chour 9,10, Drama 9-12, Treasurer

12, Env 10-12, For Lang 9,10, KK 10-12, NHS

11-12, Pathfinders 10,11, P Puff 11,12, SADD 9-11,

Sunshine 10-12, TFC 11,12, Secretary 11

**Jennifer Greshaw**

Drama 12, Env 9-12, For Lang 11, KK 9,10,12, Miracle

11,12, Pathfinders 10,11, SADD 12, Sunshine 9-11

**Courtney Grevenstuk**

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Miracle 11, Newspaper 11,12, Edzis 12, Pathfinders 9-

12, P Puff 12, Quill & Scroll 12, Memory 12, Sunshine

9-12, Yearbook 9-12, Asst Editor 11, Editor 12

**Krysten Gunter**

Color Guard 9, FCA 12, KK 12, Pathfinders 12, P Puff

11,12, SADD 12, Soccer 9-12, Sunshine 9-12,

Varsity 12, Winter Guard 9, Yearbook 10,11

**Maine Gurevitz**

Acad Team 10-12, Sen Leader 11,12, Drama 9-12,

Env 10, For Lang 9,10, KK 10-12, NHS 10-12,

Pres 11,12, Pathfinders 9-12, Soccer 9-12,

Sunshine 9, Track 9-12, Varsity 11

**David Hale**

KK 9-11, Pathfinders 11

**Ryan Hale**

**Calvin Hamstra**

Baseball 9, B-ball 9-12, Captain 11,12, Sen Leader

12, FCA 10-12, KK 9-12, NHS 10-12, Pathfinders

10-12, SADD 10-12, Tennis 9-12, Varsity 11,12.

**Lindsay Hamstra**

Sen Leader 11,12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 9-12, P

Puff 11,12, Sunshine 9-12, Tennis 9, TFC 12

**Jarvie Harris**

Steven Henderson

Football 9,11,12, Track 9,12

Todd Hentschel

Dwight Hewitt

B-ball 10, Chour 11, Drama 12, Sunshine 12

**Megan Hinchy**

B-ball 9-10, Sen Leader 11,12, Env 10,12, For

Lang 10, KK 9,10, Pathfinders 9-12, P Puff 11,12,

Softball 10,11, Stu Co 10,11, Sunshine 9-12

**Renee Hoffman**

Sen Leader 11,12, FCA 9-12, KK 10-12, Pathfinders 9-

12, P Puff 11,12, Sunshine 9-12, Tennis 9,10

**Sara Hoffman**

Choir 11, Golf 9,11,12, KK 12, Puff 12, SADD

11,12, Sunshine 9,11

**Kristen Huff**

FCCLA 12, KK 11

**Randy Ivanov**

Sen. Leader 12, Env 10-12, Football 9-11, For Lang

10,11, KK 10-12, NHS 10-12, Track 9,10, Varsity

11,12, Wrestling 9-12



Seniors



Seniors Reflect On

## Online connections

As high school drew to a close, seniors experienced many fads. Shirts with a personalized letter on them, golf hats, and giant rings were among the many newly introduced items. The biggest fad, though, to hit society was on-line dating and chatting.

"I think on-line dating was popular because people could be whoever they wanted to be, or they could have more say so on whom they dated. I heard a lot of girls talk about their boyfriends that they met online," said Senior **Timothy Bledsoe**.

Teens opted for the easier way of dating through various websites. All that was required was a picture, a profile, and availability. **Match.com**, **emode.com**, **americansingles.com**, and **lavalife.com** were some of the more popular sites.

Although these were offered all over the web, some students did not agree with what was offered.

"I think on-line dating is stupid, because you don't know what the people really look like. Some people lie on-line. If you meet, they could be 40, and you'd be in your teens. You don't know if that person is even a guy or girl. They could use a fake picture. That's why I think on-line dating is stupid," said Senior **Emily Walters**.



Along with dating on-line, there were other sources of fun that emphasized relationships, physical attributes, and "true love." **Tickle** by **Emode.com** offered over 150 different "fun time" quizzes that let teens discover such things as their theme song, why they were single, and quizzes telling them what kind of dog they'd be, or if it was really true love.

Another site, **HotOrNot.com**, let teens "rate" one another by viewing a picture of the opposite sex and clicking on the scale from 1-10. This provided much amusement for seniors.

"I got on the web site **Hot or Not** just for fun. I think it is really funny when you see someone from school you know. You can just rate them, and have some fun with that," said Senior **Amanda Schaper**.

Standing with her boyfriend, Eric VanKley, after being announced Homecoming Queen, senior Danielle Brubaker shares her special moment while smiling towards the crowd. Other senior representatives for the Homecoming Court included April Pliot, Whitney Prochno, and Alison Jonkman.

By Courtney Grevenstuk

# He Said She Said

"The boy should pay for the date because it's respectful to the girl, and besides the guy always pays for the date."

-Senior John Newbury



"Definitely the guy! That's how it's always been."

-Senior Andrew Klemp



## Who should pay for the date?



"Both, because if the boy is taking you then he should pay. Now if the girl is taking the guy out, then she should pay just to make it fair."

-Senior Emily Walters



"I think it depends on how long the girl and the guy have been dating. If it's just a casual dating sort of thing, then I think the guy should pay. If they've been dating for a while, I think the girl should put some money into something because they are working together on a future."

-Senior Kammi Luyon

Listening intently to Marie Duncan, a nurse at St. Anthony Medical Center in Crown Point, Seniors Amanda Akers, Sara Hoffman, and Jill Jamieson discover how a nursing station works. Akers, Hoffman, and Jamieson were involved in Health Occupations, a job-shadowing program at the hospital during school hours.



Lindsay Flanstra



David Roy



Thomas Lesczynski



Amanda Bevins



Justen Barcelli



By: Cheryl Mathews

**Robert Jafay**

SC 9-12, Env 9-12 V.F. Stu Co 11/11 Track 9-12, Varsity 12  
**Jill Jameson**  
**Joy Jefferson**  
**Steven Johnson**  
**Alisha Jonathon**  
Sen. Leader 12, Env 9-12, FCA 11-12, For Lang 9-11, Homecoming Court 12, KK 9-12, NHS 10-12, Pathfinders 9-12, P Puff 11-12, SADD 10-12, Softball 9-11, Stu Co 10-12, Sunshine 9-12 V.P. 11, Pres 12, TFC 11-12, Varsity 12, V-ball 10-11

**Tiana Jungels**

Sen. Leader 12, FCA 10-12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 9-11, P Puff 11-12, SADD 10-12, Soccer 9-12  
Captain 12, Track 9-12, Varsity 12  
**Alvaro Juzaino**  
**Tiffany Kampersal**  
**Stephen Karpay**  
**Samuel Kent**  
Sen. Leader 12, FCA 11-12, Football 9-12, SADD 11-12, Track 1-12, Varsity 12

**Stephanie Kikker**

Sen. Leader 11-12, For Lang 9-11, KK 9-12, NHS 10-12, Pathfinders 9-12, P Puff 11-12, SADD 10-11, Memory 12, Sunshine 9-12, Treasurer 11-12, Tennis 9-12, Volleyball 9-10, HOBY 10, RYLA 10

**Mychael B. King**

B Ball 12  
**Brianna Kingma**  
Cheerleading 9-12, Secretary Captain 12, Sen. Leader 12, Class Officer 9-10, FCA 11-12, For Lang 9-11, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 11-12, P Puff 11-12, Stu Co 9-12, Sunshine 9-11, Varsity 11-12, Honor Council Book for Stu Co 12  
**Andrew Klemp**  
CC 9-11, Env 9-12, FFA 9-11, For Lang 9-12, Stu Co 11-12, Wrestling 9-11  
**Jennifer Klunder**  
Band 9-12, For Lang 10-11, KK 9-10, Mirage 12, Pathfinders 11, P Puff 11-12, Sunshine 9-12, Chess 10

**Justyne Kondos**

Cheerleading 9-12, Sen. Leader 12, Env 9-12, FCA 11-12, For Lang 9-11, KK 9-12, P Puff 11-12, SADD 10-12, Sunshine 9-12, TFC 12

**Mandy Koster**

Art 12, NHS 11-12, Pathfinders 9-10, P Puff 11-12, Sunshine 9-12, Track 9-10, Varsity 12

**Nancy Krueger**

FCCLA 12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 9, SADD 12, Sunshine 9-11

**Siawyn Kuiper**

Band 9-10, Cheerleader (Lifter) 10-12, Captain 12, Sen. Leader 12, Env 11-12, FCA 9-12, Football 9-12

**Megan Kwasniawski**

Sen. Leader 12, Class Officer 9-12, Env 9-10, FCA 11-12, For Lang 9-11, KK 9-12, NHS 10-12, Pathfinders 9-12, Pioneer 10-11, Softball 9-12, Stu Co 9-12 Secretary 11-12, Sunshine 9-11, Varsity 10-12, V-ball 9-12, TFC 11-12

**Michael Lapota**

Football 9-12, Sen. Leader 12, Env 12, FCA 12, Football 9-10, For Lang 10-12, KK 12, NHS 10-12, Varsity 12, Wrestling 9-12, From Prince 11

**Eric Lass**

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**Lori Leewellen**

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**Kevin Lewis**

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**Ryan Longstreth**

Kammi Luwyn  
Drama 10, KK 12, Mirage 11, Pathfinders 12, P Puff 11, SADD 12, Memory 12, Stu Co 10-11, Yearbook 12, Organizational 12, TFC 12

**Amber Luszadz**

Choir 9-11, Env 9-11 KK 11-12, Pathfinders 12, Pioneers 12, P Puff 11-12, SADD 12, Sunshine 9-11, Yearbook 9-12, Organizational 12, Secretary 12, P Puff 11-12, SADD 12, Track 9-12, Varsity 12

**Scott Lynn**

Vernonica Malocha

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Organizational 12, Secretary 12, P Puff 11-12, SADD 12, Track 9-12, Varsity 12



**Cheryl Mathews**

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**December Mayernik**  
**Timothy McCoy**  
**Kristopher McDowell**  
**Benjamin McFall**

**Jessica Melendez**

Art 12, Chour 9-12 Officer 12, Drama 12, Env 10-12, KK 12, Pathfinder 12, Stu Co 11-12, Sunshine 9-11

**Patricia Miley**

Art 11, FCCLA 12, Mirage 11,12, P Puff 11,12, Sunshine 10-12

**Stephen Miller**  
**Melissa Mills**

For Lang 12

**Jonathon Misiora**

Baseball 9-12, B-ball 9, Env 11, Football 9.

**Abigail Mullins**

Kevin Nally

Adam Naughton

John Newbury

Football 9-10, KK 9,11

**Daniel Nichols**

Baseball 9-12, Football 9.

**Veronica Nikolas**

Sen Leader 12, Class Officer 11, Drama 12, Env 9-12, FCA 11, For Lang 9-12, Homecoming Court 11, KK 10-12, Pathfinder 9-10, Peer Facilitation 11, Pioneer 11, P Puff 11,12, SADD 10, Soccer 9, Softball 11, Stu Co 9-12, Sunshine 9-10, Track 9.

From Committee 11

**Joseph Nitetz**

**Daniel Nordberg**

Chour 12, Env 12, Exchange Student 12, FCA 12, Football 12, KK 12, Pathfinder 12

**Katie Nuss**

**Angelena Oliver**

BPOA 11,12, Treasurer 12, Env 9-12, Pres11 FCCLA 9, KK 9-12, Pathfinder 9-12, P Puff 11,12, SADD 11, 12, Sunshine 9-12, Wrestling Mngr 9

**Melissa Onsburn**

**Scott Onsburn**

**Nicholas Overton**

**Brooke Owens**

B-ball 9, Sen Leader 12, Env 9-12, KK 12, Peer Facilitation 10, P Puff 11,12, SADD 12, Softball 9-12, Captain 12, Sunshine 9-12, Varsity 11,12

**Tiffany Owens**

KK 9-12, P Puff 11,12, Softball 9-11, Sunshine 9-11

**Paul Pajkos**

Band 9-12, Drumline Sect Leader 11,12, Computer 10, Drama 9-12, Env 10,11, FCA 11, Football 11,12, For Lang 9, KK 10, Pathfinder 9-12

**Bryan Pals**

**Kellen Patrick**

Baseball 9-12, Sen Leader 12, Env 10-12, FCA 10-12, Football 9-12, KK 9-12, SADD 10-12, Varsity 11,12, Wrestling 9,11

**Brandon Patton**

Acad Team 9-12, Band 9-12, Drum. Mr 12, Computer 9, Drama 9-11, Stage Mngr 11, Treasurer 11, Mirage 10,12, VP 10

**Stephanie Peaucod**



*Seniors*

## Seniors Reflect On Today's Lingo

As time went on from year to year, the words and phrases students used were somewhat strange to teachers and adults. This senior class was no different. Words and phrases such as "tight" and "I'm straight" were very popular terms for the class of 2004.

Most of the students kept these slang terms outside of the classroom and used this lingo on their own time in the hallways, but every so often they would say it in the classroom. Some of the teachers who caught on to this trend were Mr. Price, Mr. Norwine, and Mrs. Steiner. One student recalled when Mrs. Steiner said "snap" to the classes. Mr. Norwine talked several times to his U.S. History class about his "spinner rims at Wal-Mart". Mr. Price said "Don't go there girlfriend," and, "I do what I want" to his ICP classes.

Some of the other phrases were: "fo real," "wat up which u," "you feel me," "keep it gangsta," "u trippin'," "straight up," "fo shizzle my nizzle," "g-unit," "up in da hood," "it ain't no thang," "bling bling," "u know wat I'm sayin," "oh gurl," "fo sho," "aight," "get out my grill". Students called people, "boo," "shorty" and "baby gurl," and we all knew that some of us lived in "D-Town"!

Most sayings originated from some type of advertisement, movie, or song that was popular at the time. Students began typing faster when chatting, yet still used the slangs that became a normal part of their everyday school language. Senior Amanda Schaper, said, "I think today's lingo is hilarious. Some people actually think that they sound cool, but in all actuality they are just making a huge fool out of themselves."

### Definitions

\* Fo real- For real  
Wat's poppin?- what's goin on?  
You feelin me?- do you understand?  
Keep it gangsta- keeping things ghetto  
Fo shizzle my nizzle- for sure  
G-unit- group  
Tight- cool

Up in da hood- where you live  
It ain't no thang- it's nothing  
Bling bling- big jewelry  
Aight- alright  
Get out my grill- get out of my face  
Boo- my boy/my girl  
I'm Straight- I'm good/ fine

Working in the office during fourth hour, Senior Abby Albin says she learned responsibility. In the morning, Abby worked outside of school in the Medical Occupations program. After finishing a semester of classwork, Abby was able to investigate careers in the medical field through hands on experience three days a week at the hospital and one day a week at a nursing home.

By Jessie Faqua

"My Saturday mornings usually consist of me sleeping until about 12:00-12:30, and then I get a huge bowl of Lucky Charms. I usually eat my cereal in front of the TV because I like to watch cartoons."

-Senior Scott Osborn



# He Said

"I really don't do a lot on my Saturdays. I sleep in as long as I possibly can, and then I get up and watch some TV, or sit around. That's really about it. Then I go out later that night."

Senior Michael Clark



## How do you spend your Saturdays?



"My Saturday morning consists of sleeping until I have to get up and going to work at Wal-Mart in the good old shoe department where I work until 10 p.m. Then, I go home and hang out with my boyfriend Jeff."

-Senior April Pirlot

# She Said

"I wake up around 10:00 in the morning. I get my big bowl and fill it with Honey Combs. Then I kick back and relax while watching the cartoon channel. It's the best way to start my day!"

Senior Meggin Crim

(also pictured: Michael Lipsitz)



In October, Seniors Rachel Ruth, Heather Zeece, Brandy Whitford, Jessica Hubbard, and Robin Baldauf plant daffodils in the courtyard in remembrance of breast cancer patients. Seniors were all members of Ms. Schroeder's Family Wellness program.



Kellen Patrick



Aubrey Valles, Mark Terborg

Daniel Nichols

Jessica Melvin

By: Jessie Fuqua



Seniors



**Anthony Pellegrini**  
B-ball 11

**Lindsay Peo**

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**Jessica Peters**

BPOA 12, Chor 9, Drama 12, Env 12, Mirage 12, P Puff 12, SADD 11,12, Memory 12, Sunshine 9-12

**April Piroto**

CC 9,10, Homecoming Court 12, P Puff 11, Softball 10, Sunshine 9,10, Track 9,10

**Deanna Polus**

Art 11,12, For Lang 12, P Puff 12, Memory 12, Sunshine 11

**Whitney Prochno**

Class Officer 9-11, Pres 9,11, Treasurer 10, CC 10-12, Captain 12, Env 9-12, FCA 10-12, For Lang 9-12, Homecoming Court 10,12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 9-11, Peer Facilitation 9,10, P Puff 11,12, Soccer 9, Stu Co 9-12, Sunshine 9-12, Swimming 9-12, Captain 12, Track 9-12, Varsity 10,12

**Brandon Pucca**

**Philip Ramsey**

FCA 12, KK 10, Soccer 10-12, Captain 12, Track 12, Varsity 12

**Ashley Retzlaff**

**Barry Reynolds**

Env 9,12, SADD 12, Special Olympics 12

**Caleb Rice**

For Lang 12, Wrestling 9-12

**Jessica Richards**

Cheerleading 9, Drama 10, Env 9-12, FCA 10,11, For Lang 9-12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 9-12, P Puff 11,12, SADD 9,12, Softball 10,11, Sunshine 9-12

**Zsuzsa Roma**

Color Guard 12, Drama 12, KK 12, Sunshine 12, Winter Guard 12, For Exchange Student

**Joseph Roorda**

**Trent Roorda**

B-ball 9,11, Env 11, KK 9,10, Special Olympics 12

**Joe Ross**

**David Roy**

**Rachel Ruth**

Band 9,10, Env 11, FCCA 12, KK 10,11, Pathfinders 11, P Puff 12, Sunshine 10-12

**Amanda Schaper**

Sen Leader 12, Env 9, KK 9,10,12, P Puff 11,12, SADD 9,10,12, Memory 12, Sunshine 9-11, Swimming 9-12, Captain 12, Tennis 9-12, Yearbook 9-12, Sports Editor 11, Editor 12

**Nicole Schmidt**

Drama 12, Football 9-11, Peer Facilitation 12, Wrestling 10

**Laure Seegers**

Sen Leader 12, Env 10,11, Pathfinders 10,11, P Puff 11,12, Sunshine 9-12, Track 10

**Bailee Serocki**

Sen Leader 12, Class Officer 12, Secretary 12, Env 9-12, FCA 10-12, Secretary 12, For Lang 9,10, Golf 9-12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 9-12, Peer Facilitation 11, P Puff 11,12, SADD 9-12, Memory 12, VP 12, Sunshine 9-12, Tennis 9, Varsity 10-12

**Amber Sharp**

Drama 9, FCCA 12, Secretary 12, KK 9,10, Sunshine 9-12

**Matt Shuck**

**Borden Smith**

**Ruth Speegle**

Chor 9,10, Env 9, KK 12, P Puff 11,12, Soccer 9-12, Sunshine 9

**Sarah Steffel**

**Heather Stone**

**Melissa Strehler**

Soccer 9-12, Captain 11,12

**Alicia Sturma**



**Daniel Tanner**

**Jennifer Taylor**

Env 9, 10, For Lang 9, KK 9-12, P Puff 12, Sunshine 9-12, Sunshine 9-12, Swimming 9

**Mark Terborg**

B-ball 9, Sen Leader 12, Computer 9, Env 10, 11, FCA 10-12, For Lang 10, 11, Golf 9-12, KK 9-12, NHS 10-12, Pathfinders 9-12, Tennis 10-12, Tennis 11, 12

**Rebecca Thompson**

**Eric Toppen**

Golf 9, Tennis 9



**Andrew Travis**

**Cassandra Van Moerten**

**Eric VanKley**

B-hall 9-12, Sen Leader 12, Env 10, 11, For Lang 10, 11, Golf 9, 10, Homecoming Court 12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 10, 11, Stu Co 10-12, Varsity 12

**Melissa VanKley**

Cheerleading 9-11, Env 9, 10, For Lang 9, KK 9, 10, Pathfinders 9-11, P Puff 11, 12, Sunshine 9-12, Varsity 11

**Michael Vanl**



**Carl Veld**

Baseball 9, B-ball 9, 10, Sen Leader 12, Env 12, FCA 10-12, Football 9-12, KK 9-12, SADD 12, Varsity 12

**Skylar Vitoux**

**Aubrey Vogles**

Alexander Wagner  
Baseball 9, B-ball 9, Sen Leader 11

**Amber Walters**



**Emily Walters**

**Sunshine 9**

**Dustin Warfman**

B-ball 9, 12, KK 9

**Kimberly Webber**

**Joseph Whittaker**

Env 12

**Brandy Whitford**

BPOA 9-12, VP 10-12, FCCLA 12, Pres 12, P Puff 12, Sunshine 9



**Courtney Whittleck**

**Josyua Wierzea**

Cheerleading (Lifter) 10-12, Captain 11, 12, Sen Leader 12, Env 9-12, FCA 10-12, For Lang 9-12, KK 9-12, Pres 12, Pathfinders 9-12, Peer Facilitation 12, Pioneerz 10, SADD 11, 12, Stu Co 9-12 Varsity 11, 12, TFC 11, 12, Treasurer 11, Kougar Court 10

From Committee 11

**Joanne Wilkerson**

**James Williams**

**Jenifer Williams**

Choir 9-12, KK 9, 10, P Puff 11, 12 SADD 9, 10, Sunshine 9-11



**Theodore Wills**

**Steven Winter**

**Brianna Wormac**

Cheerleading 9-11, Captain 10, Sen Leader 12, Env 9-12, FCA 12, For Lang 9, Golf 10-12, KK 9-12, Exec Board 12, Pathfinders 9-12, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, Stu Co 11, 12, Sunshine 9-12, Varsity 11, 12

**Syenna Wood**

B-ball 9, Drama 10, Env 12, KK 12

**Kenzie Woods**

Env 11, 12, FCA 9, 10, 12 For Lang 9, KK 9, 12, Pathfinders 9, 10, 12, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 9, 10, Stu Co 11, 12, Sunshine 9-12, Swimming 9, 10, Tennis 9-10



**Seniors**

## Seniors Reflect On

# Irritability

"Where do I begin? I never thought as a senior I would get annoyed as much as I do. Man was I wrong. From waking up at 7:30 a.m. to dealing with midget freshmen all day long, it's a wonder I'm still here," said Senior Kammi Luyon.

There was a lot that seniors dealt with that they never knew they would have to. They never thought they would get so annoyed so easily. (There were many little bubble tests and information sheets they had to fill out.) From S.A.T.s to college applications, from parents to car problems to bills that led to after school jobs, it was a wonder that seniors ever got any sleep. Thus, there was a major case of Irritability here at KV.

Senior Kristen Yenchesus commented, "As a senior, I get really annoyed by freshmen. For example, they like to act way too old. They dress like they are in their 20's and wear way too much makeup."

Seniors also said they felt pressure about graduating, and some said they did not really want to leave family, so they decided to stay close to home. However, Senior Veronica Malocha said, "I don't have many pressures. I have always known what I wanted to do in my future." Senior Nicholas Schmidt added, "I'm not going to college because I have a good job right now, so I don't have many pressures to look forward to."

Another main issue for seniors was Senioritis. "If senioritis includes not wanting to get out of bed in the morning or coming to school in pajamas and slippers, then you better believe I have it. But as for graduating, I'm not counting down the days yet. In fact, I'm really nervous about going to college," commented Senior Courtney Grevenstuk.

A final annoyance was big projects at the end of the school year. All seniors wanted was to get out of high school. Instead, they got stuck with reports and projects. By June, they were ready to graduate and move on to the next big step and see what was ahead of them.

In fifth hour speech class, Senior Veronica Nikolas gives her demonstration speech on how to clean and take care of a hermit crab. This was the second speech she gave in Speech I.



Samuel Kent



Brooke Owens



Brian Deeter



Brandon Patton



Courtney Bickham



Timothy Bledsoe

Deannmarie Weverth



By Amanda Schaper

**Paul Wray**  
JoEllen Wright

Sen Leader 12, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 9-12, P  
Puff 11, 12, SADD 12, Sunshine 9-12, TFC 12

**Roland Yang**  
Exchange Student 11

**Kristin Yenchesus**

Sen Leader 12, Env 9-12, VP 11, FCA 12,  
For Lang 9-11, KK 9-12, Pathfinders 9-12, P

Puff 11, 12, SADD 12, Sunshine 9-12,  
Swimming 9-12, Captain 12.

**Nick Zarzowski**



**Simon Zarzowski**  
Heather Zeese

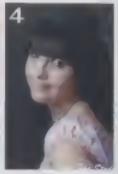
FCCLA 12, Sunshine 9

**Nicholas Zeelenkust**  
Christian Ziecke  
Heather Zijlstra

Sen Leader 12, Env 11, KK 9-12, Pathfinders  
12, P Puff 11, 12, SADD 11, 12, Tennis 9-12,  
Sunshine 12, Treasurer 12, V-ball 9-11



*Senior pictures  
depict personality*



## Not pictured:

Jessica Hubbard  
Nick Martin  
Matthew Pritt  
Charles Schumacher  
Ryan Sessions  
Brandon Smith  
Steven Sowder  
Alan Walczak



Seniors

"My favorite pick-up line

"My favorite pick-up line would have to be, Aren't you in my history class? I over heard someone say this in the hallway one day and couldn't stop laughing!"

Senior Todd Hentschel



# He Said She Said

What's your funniest pick-up line?



"Hello, I am a robber, and I want to steal your heart." A guy didn't actually say this to me, but I did over hear him saying it to someone else. I always tell my friends this line because it's so hilarious!"

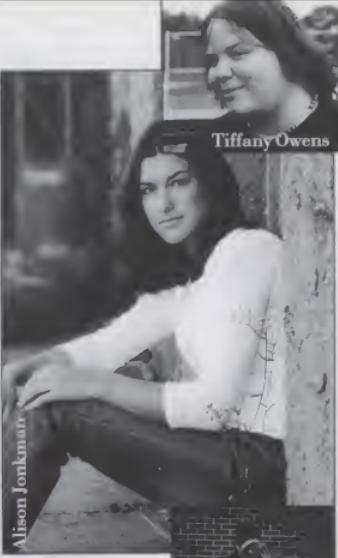
Senior Courtney Whitlock

Designing his dream house, Senior Calvin Hamstra adds cabinets and a refrigerator to the kitchen in his two story house. After CAD II (Computer Assisted Drafting) students completed the 3-D model of the house, they were required to create a walk thru animation.

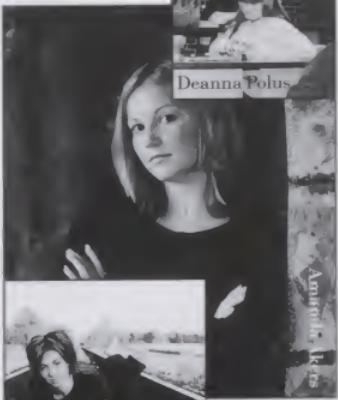


"This is by far the hardest quote I've been asked to give. There are a lot of corny pick-up lines. The cornier they are, the better. Favorites of mine include, 'Did it hurt when you fell from heaven?' and 'Are those your eyes or did someone put stars in your face?'"

Senior Devin Dorn



Alison Jonkman



Deanna Polus



"You're so cool, you make ice jealous. This is by far my favorite pick-up line. I used it on these guys, and they laughed at me because they didn't get it. The funny thing is that later that day I heard the same guys tell MFLine to someone else!"

Senior Jamie Fritze

By: Jessie Fuqua



## Fabulously Fun Facts!

The 2003 Prom King Jojo Simpson and Queen Brandy Colbert attended Prom to award and pass on the crowns. Prom



King was Caleb Rice, and his Queen

Jamie Fritze took time out of dancing for a quick picture. A top hat was awarded as the crown for the king, while a tiara was the queen's crown.



### Prom Court nominees:

Front: Queen Jamie Fritze, Lindsay Peo  
Row 2: Michelle Berg, Megan Diaz, Jennifer Allen, Princess Elizabeth Sutton  
Back Row: King Caleb Rice, Dustin Wartman, Tony Colee, Kevin Lewis, Jeremy Kunzman, and Prince Michael Torbitt

As her name is called out for Prom Queen, Senior Jamie Fritze, reacts to the applause and surprise from the crowd. "Woooooh! Winning Prom queen was way rad. I was so psychdel I felt so special to know that people like me. It's an awesome feeling and such an honor. Thank you!" said Jamie.

By:

Samantha Moran



Prom "All That Jazz"

Flapper girls Shannon Abrell, Ashton DeVries and Jessie Russ entertain Prom goers by performing a rendition of "All That Jazz."



# All That Jazz

Most agreed that Prom was definitely one of the highlights of high school, not only for the juniors on the Prom committee and their sponsors Mrs. Heather Carey and Mrs. Jill Steiner, but also for the seniors. As they entered the Porter County Expo Center on May 2, seniors were greeted by tables filled with a decorative lamp, fidoras, faux jewelry, mini feather boas and white gloves. Prom favors included little black books and a keepsake picture box. The five hour extravaganza cost each of the 175 couples \$50 to \$60 and the 20 singles paid \$25.

Entertainment was provided by the "Flapper Girls" who brought to life the theme when Ashton DeVries sang "All That Jazz" and Jessie Nuss and Shannon Abrell danced in the background. After dinner was served, the dance floor opened and soon filled up. Junior Jamie Anderson said, "My favorite part of Prom was slow dancing with my boyfriend, Kris to "You Will Always Be My Baby" by Mariah Carey. It was so special, and I enjoyed spending time with him.

Prom means so much more when you have someone to enjoy it with."

Post Prom was held at Inman's in Valparaiso. Unlimited pizza, drinks, karaoke, pool, bowling, and video games were provided. Junior Victoria Onderwater said, "I had a blast at Post Prom, and my favorite part was bowling. Even though we were all so bad at it, we still had the time of our lives."

After the hustle and bustle of Prom and Post Prom, many went home exhausted while others continued on. Junior Elizabeth Sutton said, "After Post Prom I got a limo from 3 a.m. until 6 a.m. and a bunch of my friends and myself went to Wal-Mart and breakfast at Denny's."

Some Prom goers used the day after Prom to catch up on some much needed sleep, while others kept the fun going by traveling to Great America, baseball games, downtown Chicago, Indianapolis, or Indiana Beach. Junior Brittany LaCosse said, "The day after Prom my friends and I went to Indiana Beach. It was really fun and the weather was good too."



**Enjoying a break from dancing.**  
Seniors Eric VanKley and Devin Dorn talk to Junior Justin DeKock after dinner at Prom. Eric VanKley said, "My favorite part of Prom was visiting with all of my friends, eating a lot of food, and the trip we took after Prom to Chicago. It was really fun."

**Eating dinner at Prom.** Seniors Randy Ivanov, Nicole Granger, Alison Jonkman, and Eric Drake talk about the music and decorations. Nicole Granger said, "Prom was really fun, and I enjoyed it more I think because it's my senior year. I will remember that night for the rest of my life."

## *Fabulously Fun Facts!*

\* Honor and money were the focus of awards night on June 4.

Awards included De Motte American Legion Post

# 440 \$1,000 Scholarships. Dr. Cecil and Gladys Johnson

Memorial Scholarships, and De Motte American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships of \$500. \*



Posing for a picture Mrs. Rancy Klockow, Calvin Hamstra, Eprise Armstrong, Devin Dorn, and Judge Phil McGraw stand together after Awards Night. Calvin was awarded with Partners for Drug Free Jasper County Scholarship, Eprise received Judicial Turn-Around Scholarship, and Devin won the Pioneers Scholarship.

Being awarded with her Rational Honor Society sash, Maire Gurevitz smiles and thanks sponsor Mrs. Kristi Slaby. Maire was also co-valedictorian.

By:  
Courtney  
Grevenstuk



Awards Night

Receiving his Building Trades certificate, Senior Ryan Longstreth shakes hands with welding teacher Mr. Kevin Mulvihill.

## Senior Award Recipients

(Continued on page 38)

### All Conference Academic Team

Eprise Armstrong

### Art Department Plaque

Aubrey Voyles

### Art Club Scholarship

Aubrey Voyles

### Art League Sketch Book

Joanna Wilkerson

### Art League Scholarship

Becky Goetz

### Band

### Senior medallion recipients:

Rebecca Fraley

Jennifer Klunder

Daniel Nordberg

Paul Pajkos

Brandon Patton

Stephanie Paucod

### Quill & Scroll Awards

### Honor Chords

Courtney Grevenstuk

Kammi Luyon

### \$200.00 Scholarships for Outstanding Work in Journalism

Courtney Grevenstuk

Amanda Schaper

### Times Scholastic Journalist Award

Courtney Grevenstuk

### Student Council Recognition

Danielle Brubaker

Devin Dorn

Brianne Kingma

Megan Kwasniewski

Veronica Nikolas

Whitney Prochno

### Technology Awards

### Building Trades Certificates

Steven Bailey

James Bolen

Brian Deeter

Jeremy Easto

Jarvis Harris

Steven Henderson

Stephen Kearney

Eric Laud

Ryan Longstreth

Daniel Nichols

Michael Vann

Joseph Whitaker

Theodore Wills

### Vocational Welding Certificates

Cory Buckmaster

Jeremy Easto

Nick Martin

Timothy McCoy

Adam Naughton

Michael Vann

Paul Wray

### Chad Middelkamp Scholarship

Paul Wray

### National Honor Society Cowls

Eprise Armstrong

Kristopher Baccino

Jennifer Chernowsky

Devin Dorn

Rebecca Fraley

Rebecca Goetz

Nicole Granger

Maire Gurevitz

Calvin Hamstra



Eric DeKoch

Frank Eden

Eric Laud

Eric VanKley and Vicki VanKley



Tugging Mrs. Nancy Klockow after receiving her National Honor Society cowl. Stephanie Kikhert gets her certificate and joins her classmates in displaying their RHS cowls.

Quickly stopping for a fun pose, K.V. Community Scholarship winners, (front to back) Michael Lapota, Jennifer Chernowsky, Eric DeKoch, Rebecca Goetz, Veronica Matocha, Maire Gurevitz, Stephanie Kikhert, Carl Veld, Kevin Lewis and Calvin Hamstra smile for the camera.



**Joanna Wilkerson**

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**KV/LAC Male/Female Athlete of the Year**  
Calvin Hamstra, Whitney Prochno

**Super Seniors**

Eric DeKock, Maire Gurevitz, Stephanie Kikkert, Sam Kent, Jennifer Chernowsky, Calvin Hamstra, Kristopher Baccino, Amanda Schaper, Devin Dorn, Shawna Davidson, Courtney Grevenstuk, Nicole Granger, Kellen Patrick, Mark Terborg, Becky Goetz, Carl Veld, Whitney Prochno, Eprise Armstrong, Joshua Wierza.

**Senior Leaders**

Amanda Akers, Jen Allen, Kris Baccino, Erik Bakrevska, Jordan Bonesteele, Amanda Bonilla, Jodie Carter, Jen Chernowsky, Meggin Crim, Tracy Cusack, Eric DeKock, Megan Diaz, Devin Dorn, Frank Eden, Jon Estill, Kelly Foley, Anna Gatlin, Becky Goetz, Nicole Granger, Courtney Grevenstuk, Maire Gurevitz, Calvin Hamstra, Lindsay Hamstra, Megan Hinchy, Renee Hoffman, Randy Ivanov, Alison Jonkman, Tiana Jungels, Steve Kearney, Sam Kent, Stephanie Kikkert, Brianna Kingma, Andy Klemp, Justyne Kondos, Shawna Kuiper, Megan Kwasniewski, Michael LaPota, Lorrie Lewallen, Veronica Nikolas, Katie Nuss, Scott Osborn, Brooke Owens, Kellen Patrick, Lindsey Peo, Amanda Schaper, Laura Seegers, Bailee Serocinski, Mark Terborg, Eric VanKley, Carl Veld, Aubrey Voyles, Joshua Wierza, Beorre Wornac, Joellen Wright, Kristen Yenches, Heather Zylstra.

**Junior Foreign Exchange Student**

Maike Kock

**Senior Foreign Exchange Students**

Daniel Nordberg, Stephanie Paucod, Zsuzsa Rona, Rolander Yang, Christian Zielke.

**Perfect Attendance**

Franklin Eden  
U.S. Air Force Math and Science Awards

**Math**

Jennifer Chernowsky

**Science**

Maire Gurevitz

**U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete**

Rebecca Goetz

Devin Dorn

**Daughters of the American Revolution**

Maire Gurevitz

**Butler University**

Fairview Scholarship-\$7,800

Jennifer Chernowsky

**Marian College Full Tuition Scholarship**

Rebecca Goetz

**Olivet Nazarene University**

Benjamin McFalls

**Purdue University West Lafayette**

2004 **Purdue Opportunity Award**-Student's tuition, room, and board for first year

Randy Ivanov

**Etta Bales Scholarship-\$2,000**



Whitney Prochno

Randy Ivanov

Eric Toppen

Nicholas Schmidt  
Amanda Schaper

Mrs. Mengel  
Stephanie Kikkert

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Maire Gurevitz

Katie Nuss

Jasper County Alternate

Jennifer Chernowsky

Clair Misch Valedictorian Scholarships

Jennifer Chernowsky

Maire Gurevitz

National City Bank Salutatorian Scholarship

Randy Ivanov

Top Ten Seniors 4.0 and above

1. Jennifer Chernowsky

2. Maire Gurevitz

3. Randy Ivanov

4. Mark Terborg

5. Megan Kwasniewski

6. Calvin Hamstra

7. Nicole Granger

8. Katie Nuss

9. Rebecca Fraley

10. Rebecca Goetz

11. Devin Dorn

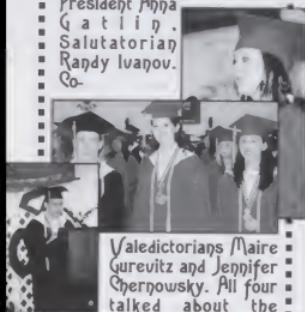
12. Megan Hinchy

13. Alison Jonkman

Mrs. Nancy Klockow, Devin Dorn

## *Fabulously Fun Facts!*

\* Final words of wisdom were imparted by Class President Anna Gatalin. Salutatorian Randy Ivanov. Co-



Valedictorians Maire Gurevitz and Jennifer Chernowsky. All four talked about the importance of being involved in the community \*



*Looking through their programs, Katelyn Blakely and Maegan Black sit patiently to hear their names called to receive their diplomas. Programs were placed on the graduates seats to help them keep track of the activities during Commencement.*

*Giving the first ever Co-Valedictorian speech, Jennifer Chernowsky and Maire Gurevitz bravely addressed the Class of 2004 and challenged them to take charge of their future by voting.*

*By  
Cheryl  
Mathews*



*Listening to hear Principal Phillip Apple say,  
You may now move your tassels to the left  
side. Maribel Espino waits patiently, as she  
becomes a 2004 graduate*



Joseph, Debra, & Jake Nimetz

# Saying Good-bye

On June 6, at 2 pm, 212 students bid their farewells to teachers, friends, and even some mentors at Graduation.

Class of 2004 set a record with 90 students receiving a Core 40 Diploma, and 45 receiving an Academic Honors Diploma. Another change was a Co-Valedictorian Speech given by Jennifer Chernowsky and Maire Gurevitz, in which Gurevitz urged her fellow students to become more active, and said, "Let's set out to make a history that we can be proud of." Other speeches were given by the Salutatorian, Randy Ivanov, and Class President Anna Gatlin.

"We were all changed through these times. We've grown a lot stronger, and we've grown a lot wiser," said Gatlin during her speech.

Class motto said, "We observe a celebration of freedom- Symbolizing an end as well as a beginning- Signifying renewal as well as change", quoted by John F. Kennedy. Class Flower: Peppermint Carnation, Class Colors: Red, White and Black.

Called forward by Dr. Laura Boilini as "Our

Special Senior," Joseph Nimetz was escorted to the stage by his brother Jake, and mother Debra. While receiving his folder, Nimetz was given a standing ovation by his fellow graduates, as well as the community.

Graduation was that last challenge students had to get through to accomplish one goal they had in life. To some graduates high school was the hardest thing they could've done while others looked forward to moving on to harder things to accomplish. "High school challenged me, but I know that college is going to be much more challenging," said Amber Cooper.

"Our class has never been afraid to push limits," said Co-Valedictorian Chernowsky about the graduates of 2004.

"Seventy percent of graduates are headed on to a higher education, while eight percent of them will enter military service," said Head Guidance Counselor John Michael.



Andrew Travis

Jeremy Easto

Class of 2004 Laura Parikh



*Shaking Principal Phillip Apple's hand after receiving his diploma, Paul Pajhos, proudly walks down the stage to receive his carnation. While receiving their diplomas, graduates shook the hands of Board President John Heerema, Superintendent Dr. Laura Boilini, and Principal Phillip Apple. Class sponsors were Pat Price and Kristi Slaby.*

*Showing off their class photo taken at Graduation practice on June 4. Ruth Speegle, Tiana Jungels, and Rebecca Thompson pose quickly for a picture after the Commencement Exercises. Class picture was taken by Class Photography. Graduates could buy them for \$15, and pick them up the day of Graduation.*

## Juniors Reflect On GPA

Statistics showed that only .4 percent of Juniors had a GPA of 4.5 or higher, 6.2 percent earned a 4.4 to 4.0, 8.7 percent had a GPA of 3.9 to a 3.5, 11.2 percent with a 3.4 to 3.0, and 73.5 percent of the Juniors had a GPA of less than a 2.9.

Emily Smith, who had a GPA of around a 4.0, exclaimed, "I took Honors English 9, 10, AP English 11, and I plan to take Honors English 12. Honors English is more in depth and taught at a faster pace than regular English."

Lindsey Beeching, who had also taken Honors and AP English said, "The material was challenging."

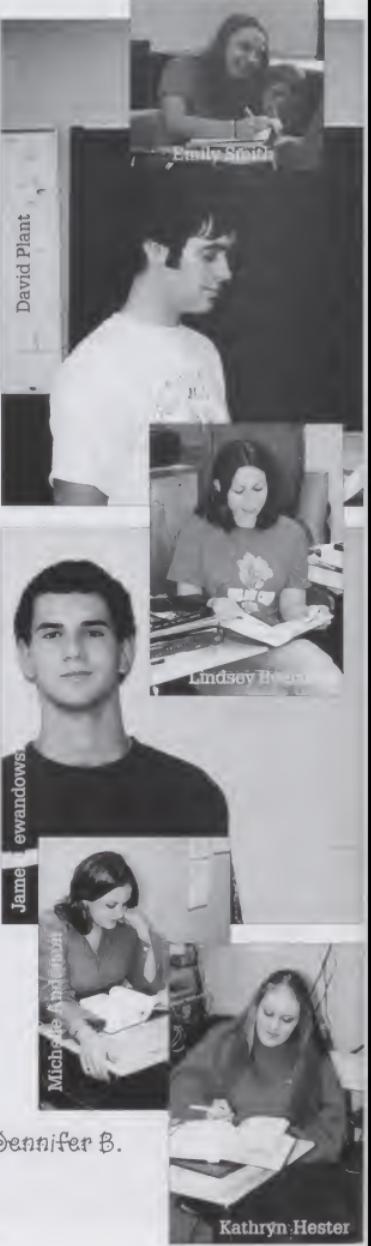
Michelle Anderson has taken Honors Algebra I and II, Honors Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, AP U.S. History, Chemistry, and English. Her GPA was 4.13. She exclaimed, "AP Chemistry was the hardest class I've taken so far because it's not only new to us, but it has been new to our teacher." Anderson was involved in Team Freedom Corps., National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Peer Facilitators, Sunshine, and Path Finders. She also volunteered and tutored in the area.

David Plant agreed with Michelle Anderson, "AP Chemistry was the hardest class I've taken so far." Plant was in Drama and Jazz Band, and performed in plays and musicals.

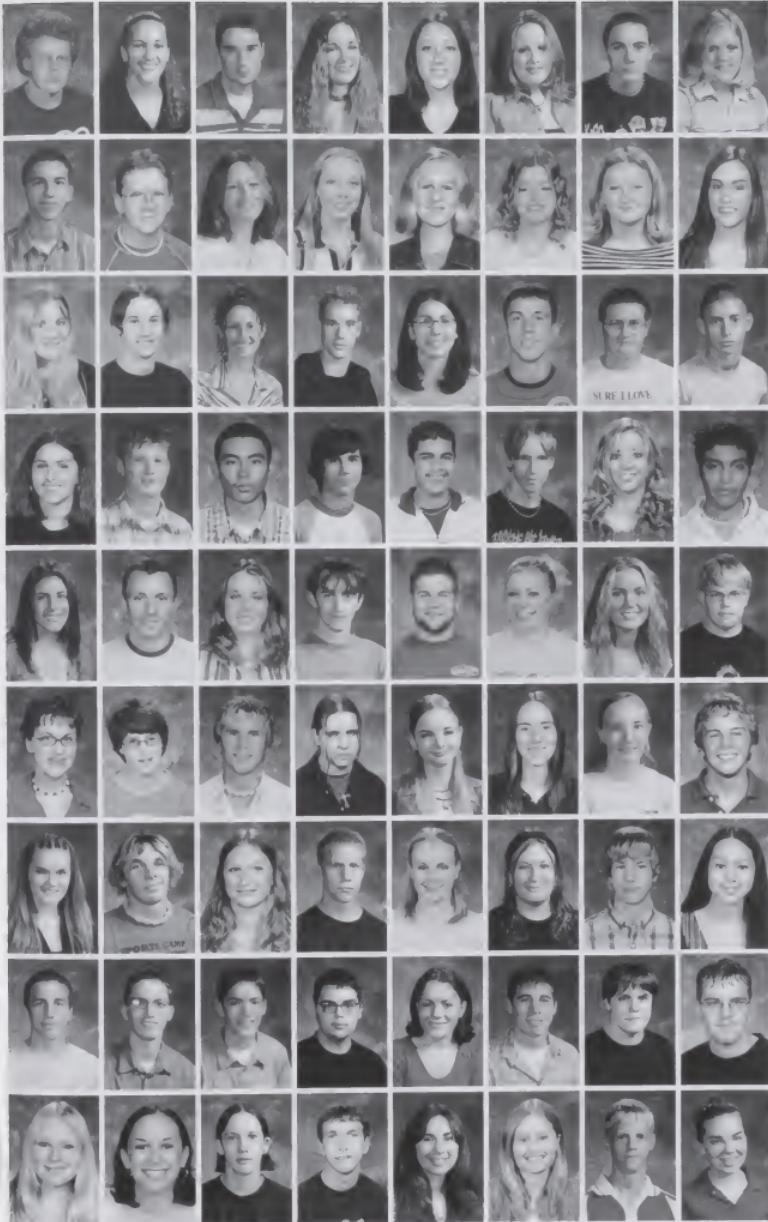
On another note, James Lewandowski exclaimed, "Honors Biology was the hardest because when I first started it, I wasn't used to Mrs. Slaby's teaching methods, but once I got used to her methods, I was able to figure the class out. Mrs. Slaby is a great teacher!"

When students were asked why they chose AP/Honors Classes, their reasons included, "I like the challenge"-Lindsey Beeching, "I love literature so taking AP/Honors English classes was a good way to experience more of it."-Emily Smith, "I choose to take AP/Honors courses so I could challenge myself and better my education. I also did it to prepare myself for college and beyond."-Michelle Berg, "My parents, brother, and middle school teachers encouraged me to take AP/Honors classes."-David Plant, "I like the challenge!"-Michelle Anderson.

"Michelle Berg is an outstanding student and person. She excels in all areas and is a truly caring individual!" exclaims Mrs. Price. Berg shows how outstanding she is with a GPA of 4-. During the summer Berg volunteered at a hospital in Merrillville, and played volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was vice president of the National Honor Society, and was involved in Student Council, SADD, Foreign Language, FCA, Varsity, Kougar Krazies, Sunshine, Pathfinder, and Peer Facilitation. Michelle Berg said, "I plan to go to a college in Indiana and earn a degree in Pharmacology. Then, I hope to settle down, get married, and start a family!"



By Jennifer B.



Benjamin Abbott  
Candiss Abell  
Justin Adkins  
Jamie Anderson  
Jessica Anderson  
Michelle Anderson  
Jeffrey Armstrong  
Heather Bacon

Bryant Barrera  
Charles Baumgarte  
Lindsey Beeching  
Jennifer Bennett  
Michelle Berg  
Allison Bestich  
Megan Bierma  
Brittany Birchett

Rebecca Bledsoe  
Daniel Boissy  
Alesia Borden  
Jonathan Broertjes  
Lindsey Brooker  
Gentry Brown  
Kenneth Broyles  
Matthew Brumley

Tonya Brust  
Shana Byers  
Humberto Castillo  
Jordan Castillo  
David Cazares  
Jacob Chalif  
Meagan Clarich  
Edgar Clemente

Taylor Clifford  
Troy Colbert  
Lindsay Craig  
Scott Craighead  
Jacob Croll  
Theresa Cruickshank  
Amber Cunningham  
Patrick Curry

Megan Dadian  
Diana Debold  
Justia DeKock  
Jonathan Delger  
Staci Depriest  
Jill DeVries  
Nicole Disney  
Trent Dorn

Julie Dowhen  
Alex Drzik  
Mary Dugger  
Mathew Dykstra  
Jessica England  
Meghan England  
Scott Fieldhouse  
Kirsten Fifield

David Fischer  
Anthony Fraticelli  
Timothy Fraticelli  
Devin Freckleton  
Jessie Fuqua  
Justin Garrison  
Matthew Gilmore  
Kristopher Gluth

Nicole Gobin  
Jillian Golly  
Brian Grady  
Nathan Graf  
Cassie Gray  
Amanda Griede  
Blaine Gross  
Dyanna Hamstra

Wayne Heflin  
Angela Hensley  
Todd Hepworth  
Aaron Hershman  
Kathryn Hester  
Scott Hodgeson  
Kathryn Huhn  
Kaelyn Huppenthal



Heather Hylemon  
Sarah Jabaay  
Kyle Jansma  
Kori Jarrell  
Anthony Jenkins  
Jamie Jones  
Matthew Jurs  
Kevin Kampenga



Samantha Kampersal  
Trevor Karlosky  
Kathryn Kemp  
Adam Kerkes  
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Alyssa Kuiken  
Kimberly Kuiper  
Seth Kuiper  
Jeremy Kunzman



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Nicholas Landry  
Matthew Lane  
Edward Layne  
Nicholas Ledger  
James Lewandowski  
Scott Lewandowski  
Ashley Liston



Brittany Luketic  
Tara Lupia  
Jerrold Martinez  
Ashlee Matson  
Nicole McCue  
David McIntosh  
Ashley McLaughlin  
Carla Medina



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Gabriel Mijares  
Shawn Mikus  
Anthony Milbourn  
Ryan Mooney  
Samantha Moran  
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Andrew Naughton  
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Eryan Nieto  
Michael Nikiforov  
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Christopher O'Brien



Joseph Ogilvie  
Victoria Onderwater  
Taz Outzen  
Ashley Padilla  
Brian Paschke  
Megan Passallacqua  
Jennifer Pastry  
Donald Peach



# The Top 5 Jobs?

**1. Service** *Martis Place, Helen's Place, Surprise Cleaners, etc....* "I work at Helen's Place. It's a great experience." -Heather Bacon

**2. Dishwasher at a family restaurant** "It's a funfilled experience every time I clock-in!" -Daniel Boissy

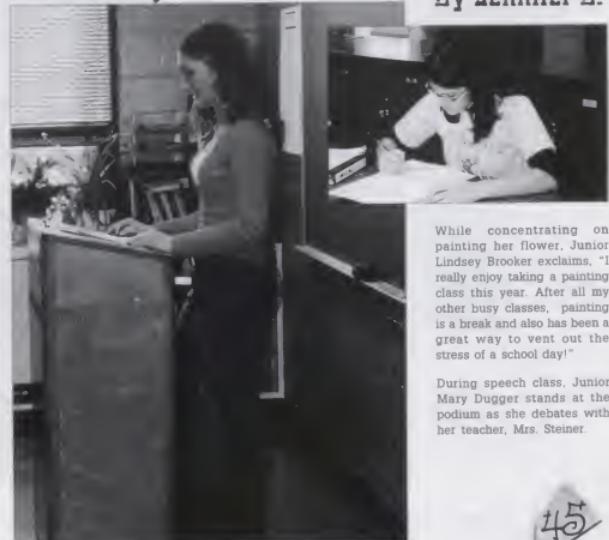
**3. KFC** "A job teaches you to be responsible." -Jamie Sipkema



**4. Tysen's Grocery** "I used to work at Tysen's with Justin Adkins. It was fun." -Jessie fuqua

**5. Subway**

By Jennifer B.



While concentrating on painting her flower, Junior Lindsey Brookner exclaims, "I really enjoy taking a painting class this year. After all my other busy classes, painting is a break and also has been a great way to vent out the stress of a school day!"

During speech class, Junior Mary Dugger stands at the podium as she debates with her teacher, Mrs. Steiner.

## Juniors Reflect On **Almost There-**

While many of the 230 members in the class of 2005 were unsure of their future, some knew exactly what they wanted out of life. "I want to further my education and live my life before getting married and starting a family," said Junior Meagan Clarich.

Juniors watched as Homecoming court representative Jamie Anderson, escorted by Justin DeKock, walked across the 50 yard line. Even though the junior girls lost to the senior girls (36-12) in the Powder Puff game, the junior class won the Spirit Stick in a close call with the seniors.

As the days of school unfolded, juniors were led by class President Jeremy Kunzman, under the direction of class sponsors Mrs. Heather Carey and Mrs. Jill Steiner.

While many were relieved to only have one more year of school remaining, some were a little uneasy. Junior Kathryn Huhn said, "I'm not ready to be a senior yet, but I love being an upperclassman." Ashley Vankley

Another plus of being a junior was being able to finally make decisions and start to think about the future. Meagan Davidson said, "We are more responsible, and people such as the freshmen and teachers look at us differently."

One other perk was finally being able to help plan the Prom and Post-Prom. Prom was held on May 1 at the Porter County Expo Center, and Post-Prom was at Inman's in Valparaiso. Prom's theme was the "Roaring Twenties." Although teens were encouraged by Prom Sponsor, Mrs. Steiner, to dress in the nostalgic outfits, it was not required. In order to raise funds for the annual event, juniors held many fundraisers, including a spaghetti dinner on February 7.

Finishing up her homework, Junior Ashley VanKley works hard to complete her assignment. VanKley was the Vice President of Pathfinders and was on the swim team. VanKley was very involved out of school as well. She was in a church band and worked at McDonalds. She looked forward to going to beauty school and also considered going into the culinary arts. VanKley said, "I am looking forward to starting a family and the rest of life."

**\*By:  
Samantha  
Moran\***



Ashley Vankley



Justin Gammon



Lindsey Craig



Tara Pellegrini  
Joseph Peretin  
Joanna Perzee  
Joseph Pettit  
Samantha Phillips  
Tiffany Philpot  
Joseph Pisarski  
David Plant  
Keith DeLoach

**Not Pictured:**

Angela Fieldhouse  
Scott Hoffman  
Jennifer Matusiak  
Shawn McGan

Ashley Rentschler  
Jesse Rios  
Steven Sopchich  
Jason VanBaren



Cassandra Poisel  
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Taryn Porter  
Zachary Prairie  
Maria Probe  
Amanda Raymond  
Lindsey Reed  
Matthew Reichert



Carrie Rice  
Elijah Richardson  
Jesse Rios  
Jeremy Rozhon  
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Gabrielle Waugaman  
Adam Werkema



Joshua Westphal  
Richard Whirley  
Robert Whited  
William Whited  
Tracy Whitesell  
Nelson Wilder  
April Williams  
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Ryan Wilson  
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Troy Davis  
Brian DeKock  
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Ashton DeVries  
Brandy DeVries  
Carri Dickerson  
Cassy Dickerson  
Jonathan Doyle  
Heather Drake  
Tyler Drake



Joseph Durlin  
Ann Dykstra  
Amanda Evans  
Cody Feltes  
Patrick Fraley  
Thomas Gatch  
Joshua Gibson  
Alyssa Golly



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Kyle Gross  
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Ashlie Peterson





Ashley Trop and Darren Wierman



Lori Kappes and Gabrielle Miller



Josh Morris

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Jeromy Jackson

# Top 10 Places To Hang Out?

## 1. A Friend's House

-I think it's a cool place to hang because

you're away from home. -Brandy DeVries

## 2. The Mall

-I think the mall is a cool place to be with your friends, and also

you can shop and eat. -Ashley Antkowiak

## 3. Home

-I like hanging at home because it's nice to just stay home and relax and

not worry about anything. -Carly Rice

## 4. Up-Town

-After softball games in the summer, I like to go and chill at Dairy

Queen with my friends. -Stephanie Poisel



## 5. A Restaurant

-I think restaurants are nice because it's good to have

a change in your food once in awhile. -Amy Knip

## 6. Movies

-They're a cool place where you can get away from your parents.

but also watch movies with your friends. -Jordan VanWieren

## 7. Spencer Park

-I go to Spencer's to get away from my parents and

play some basketball. -Nicholas Miranda

## 8. Merrillville

-There's nothing to do in our town so I hang in Merrillville. -Joshua Smith

## 9. Skate Park

-It's fun to watch people skate. -Randi Barcelli

## 10. Boyfriend/Girlfriend's House

over to my girlfriend's house after school to watch movies and relax. -Steve Roelfs

Brandon Phillips  
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Shannon Pirlot  
Allison Plopper  
Stephanie Poisel  
Stacey Polomchak  
Kara Prentski



Jacob Pritt  
Patrick Prochno  
Carly Rice  
Joshua Richardson  
Kyle Richardson  
Robert Ridge  
Thomas Riley  
Steven Roelfs



Lizeth Saavedra  
Sarah Salama  
Dustin Sears  
Colin Serocinski  
Logan Serocinski  
Daniel Shadwell  
Heather Shaffer  
Ruth Sharp



Lyle Shepherd  
Caitlin Sittema  
Ryan Smeltzer  
Joshua Smith  
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William Stanford  
Ashley Stanberry  
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Amanda Thompson  
Jessica Thys  
Jeremy Tillem



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Christine Travers  
Ashley Tronjo  
Kyle Turnbaugh  
Slobhan Urbano  
Laura VanderLugt  
Jamie Vandermolen  
Ashley Vanderwoude



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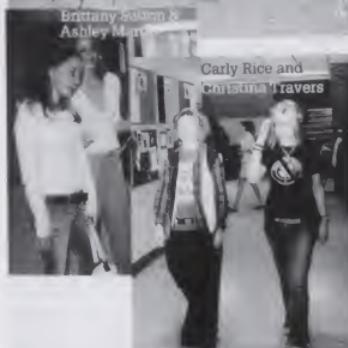
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Darren Wireman  
Greg Wyrick  
Joshua Zak  
Jason Zavalas  
Kevin Zuchowski



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Brandon Hesh  
Ryan Kerr



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## Sophomores Reflect On Driving

"Freedom," cried the Sophomores, as they reached the age of 16, one month and one day which heralded the beginning of their driving life. For many of the Sophomores getting their driver's license was the most exciting event of the year.

"It was really exciting to be able to go wherever I desired," said Ryan Smeltzer. Typical of a new driver, his first destination was his friend Andrew's house.

The gas station was also another popular destination, as the young drivers quickly found out that cars required a lot of gas, and consequently a great deal of money, to operate.

A number of students commented on how much better it was to be driving to school, than to have to get on the bus. Most students said that they slept later when they drove to school than when they rode the bus.

Although most of the Sophomores wanted to drive to school as soon as they got their license, many were not allowed to or did not have an automobile to get to school. Meagan Anderson commented, "I wasn't able to drive to school as soon as I got my license because I didn't have a car."

When Stephani Mann was asked if she drove to school the first day of having her license, she replied, "Yeah definitely, why not? What's the point of riding the cheese wagon (the school bus) if you can drive?"

The majority of parents would not allow their teens to go far from home. When asked where the first place she went was, Jamie VanderMolen answered, "I wanted to go to the mall so bad, but I just drove up town." After a few months of driving experience, teens said that their parents started to let them drive to Merrillville.

Driving wasn't all fun and games as some of the Sophomores found out. It could be dangerous. "I spun around twice, hit a mailbox, and then hit a tree," said Cassie Lewandowski in regards to her first accident.

April Killion also found out just how scary an accident could be. April said, "I never really thought I'd get into an accident and when my breaks went out, I freaked out. I tried swerving off the road, so I wouldn't hit anyone, but my steering wheel locked up as well. You should always be cautious."

President of 4-H Club, trumpeter in church and for caroling, Boy Scout, and a member of the high school band were just a few of the activities in which Patrick Fraley was involved. He was also on the honor roll and earned second chair trumpet player in the high school Jazz, Concert, Marching, and Pep bands. He also helped teach younger kids on Wednesday nights. On top of all that, he still managed to have a social life and kept his grades up. His plans included earning an Honors Diploma and majoring in Computer Engineering.



## Freshmen Reflect On Fundamentals

Entering high school, things got a little scary for the 282 Freshmen. Intimidating upperclassmen, stricter, tougher teachers, and for some students, the lack of older siblings or friends, contributed to Freshman fears. Finding lockers, classrooms, or bathrooms were among the topics addressed by the Senior Leaders during Freshman Fundamentals. "You may not think about this much, but I think you really changed this school year for me. Thank you," said Ana Perez.

Freshman Fundamentals was a way to get to know the school, the Seniors, and also some of the new teachers. All of the Freshmen were placed in groups such as the Dippin' Dots, The Ducktapers, and The Ninja Turtles... etc. In these groups Freshmen and the Seniors got to know each other at the end of the eighth grade year and were reunited on August 20. During the time they spent together, the Seniors took the students around the school and pointed out all of areas that would be common to the new underclassmen.

At the beginning of Freshman Fundamentals, Vice-Principal Mr. Prescott went over the student handbook. He also answered questions. After Mr. Prescott wrapped up his presentation, it was time for ice breakers. Ice breakers were used to make the freshmen and the Seniors get acquainted or in other words to "break the ice". After ice breakers it was question time. "Question Time" was designed for the Freshmen to ask general questions. For example "Who is the most fun teacher?"

Freshmen also had a motivational speaker, former student Andy Bulla. The motivational speaker talked with the freshmen about how to keep grades up and why one should make good grades. He also was there to talk about careers and how what one does during high school is extremely important for what a person wants to achieve.

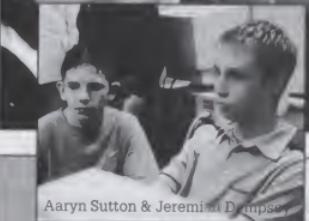
Back to the gym they went. While in the gym, groups worked on a skit which was designed to express their name, group work, and creativity.

After Freshman Fundamentals, the students were asked to write a letter to their senior leaders explaining what was good about the day and to thank the Seniors who gave up their day to participate. "Thank you for helping to make us feel welcome and comfortable. This is something I will never forget as long as I live. I enjoyed this event very much, so did everyone else," recalled Michael Staples. Although not all fears were settled at Freshman Fundamentals, the Class of 2007 discovered that time helped to calm the fears.

"My biggest fear on the first day of school was not being able to keep up with the amount of homework that the teachers gave." Jodi Williamson said upon her first day of school. "I was still really excited though. I knew a lot of people, and so I knew that they would be able to show me around if I needed help. Senior Leaders during the Freshman Fundamentals made it a lot easier to find my way around too." Jodi was the Homecoming Court Representative for the 2003-2004 school year.



Kathy Kuper



Aaryn Sutton & Jeremy Dimpsey



Daniel Kwasniewski



Kelly Loden

Kirah Fifield

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Stevie Alexander  
Rojelly Almira  
Jodi Anderson  
Sheena Armstrong  
Sara Atchley  
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Thomas Cooley  
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Kirah Fifield  
Crystal Flores  
Todd Floyd

## Freshmen Reflect On History

For the class of 2007, male students outnumbered female students by only twenty-eight in a class that made up a total of 282 students. Freshmen made up the largest class of the 2003-2004 school year.

Voted by her fellow peers, Jodi Williamson was the representative for Homecoming. She was escorted by her friend and fellow classmate, Derek Kunzman. Derek walked beside Jodi down the 50 yard line of the football field. "It was so cool being on the field with all the people looking on. I was so happy to have been chosen as representative," mentioned Jodi about her accomplishment when she received the title as Freshman representative.

The week of Homecoming for freshmen was a very exciting event because it was their first time being a part of all the fun activities. On October 3, the day of the big game, there was a pep session during everyone's last hour class period. Jodi Anderson and Chelsea Castillo performed the song "Hit Me With Your Best Shot" by Pat Benatar for the lip sync. Not only did they dress in 80's glamour outfits, but they brought back the fashionable dance moves such as "the Robot," which got all of the grades fired up.

Class of 2007 class officers included Vice-President Derek Kunzman. "Being Freshman class vice-president was an honor, and I will always do my best while being part of the Student Council Board." Kunzman commented, "Being able to help out the freshmen was one of my favorite things about being part of such a great thing in the school." Treasurer was Amanda Jackson, and Secretary was Elizabeth Weaver.

"Student Council has been a great experience. I have met so many wonderful people and also have learned to get more involved with all of the people that attend Kankakee Valley High School. My advice is that everyone should try to join Student Council sometime during their high school years if they get a chance!" said Jodi Anderson, who served as Class President and Student Council Officer.

"My biggest fear my freshman year was not having any classes with my friends. I thought that I would have no one to talk to, and that I would be really lonely. Everything had turned out like I had hoped. I cannot wait for the next three years. High school will be a blast," said Freshman Keely Woods.

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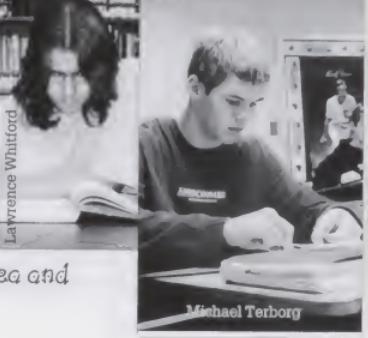
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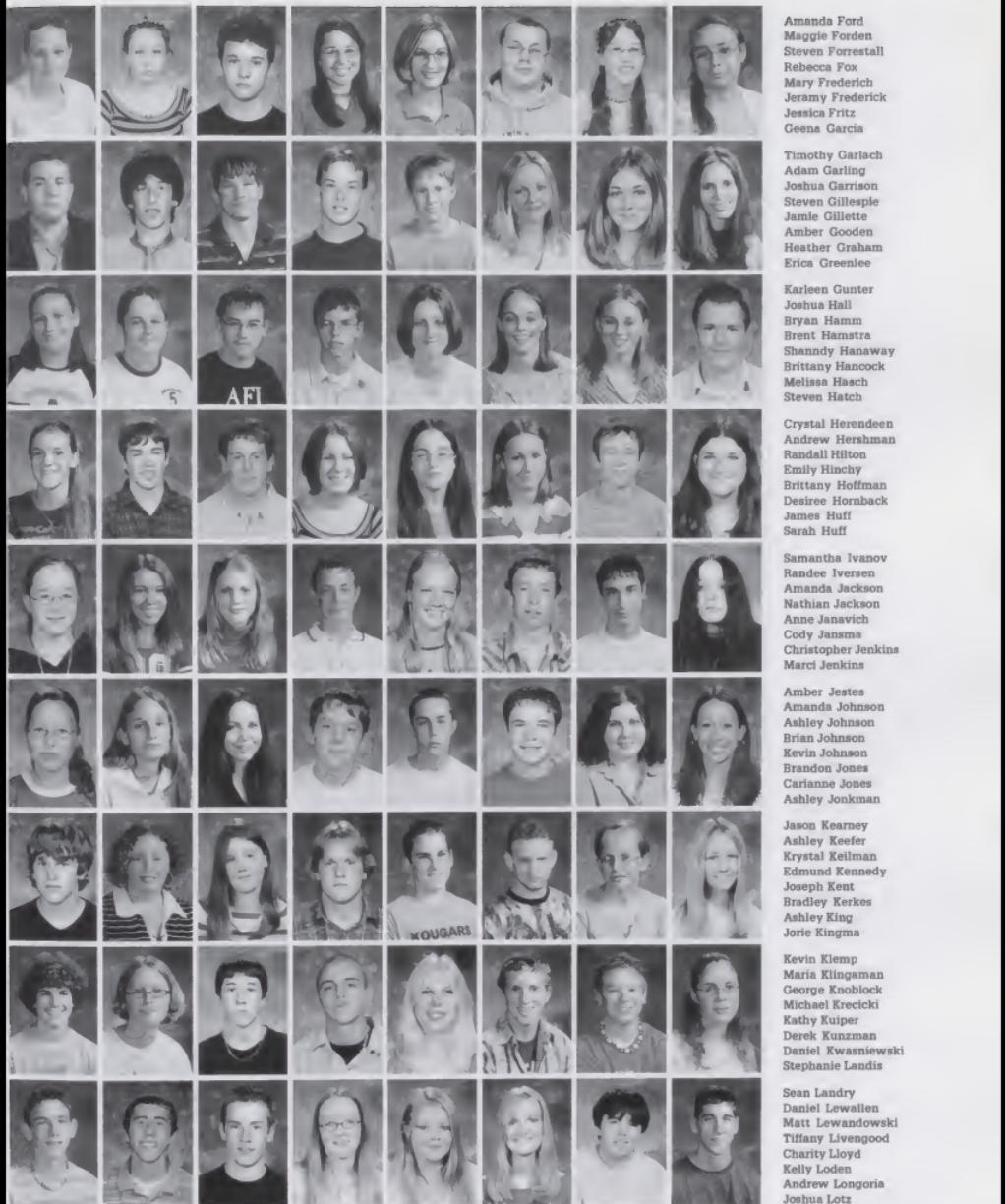
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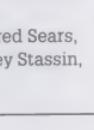
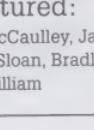
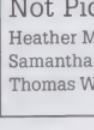
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Heather McCaulley, Jared Sears,  
Samantha Sloan, Bradley Stassin,  
Thomas William

Tim Adams - English  
Philip Apple- Principal  
Melodi Beeler - English  
Kelly Berenda-  
Alternative School  
Tom Black - English  
Heather Carey-French  
Hallie Chicki- English



Irma Coddington-Spanish  
Bill Darnell-Choir  
Kathy Eckert-English  
Paul Epley-Special Ed.  
Lynn Ginder-Business  
John Gray-Math  
Doug Greenlee-P.E/  
Health

Lisa Groot-Spanish  
Tressa Groot-Home Ec.  
Sue Hanley-P.E Health  
Bob Head-Tech.Director  
Sandy Hershman-  
Special Ed.  
Ron Hine-Technology  
Herald Hostetler-  
Math

Karen Howard- Math  
Steve Inman-  
Technology/FFA  
Barb Jackson-Special Ed.  
Shelly Jefferies-  
Guidance  
Kevin Kaluf-Technology  
Tara Kingma-English  
Nancy Klockow-Fine  
Arts

# KV Faculty

**E**nergetic, young and understanding were three adjectives freshmen used to describe their new English teacher, Mrs. Hallie Chicki. Being a younger teacher she has connected well with the students in her classes.

Mrs. Chicki said that she has wanted to be a teacher, since third grade, but she didn't know if she wanted to teach English or science.

The different thing about Mrs. Chicki is that her father is our Principal Phillip Apple. His satisfaction with his teaching and administration career led Mrs. Chicki to teach.

One benefit of working with her father is that she gets to see someone she cares very much about every day. Not a lot of her students knew that her father was Principal Apple because they were all new to the high school.

It does not intimidate students or staff that her father is Mr. Apple. They think it is interesting. "People have been nothing but nice to me, and I

now enjoy my job very much." said Mrs. Hallie Chicki.

Mrs. Chicki graduated from KV in 1997 and earned a B.A. from Ball State University in 2001.



**E**njoying a beautiful, sunny fall afternoon, Mrs. Chicki uses the courtyard as a perfect place to study the line of Romeo and Juliet, whose action took place on the streets of Verona. Mrs. Chicki and her class were also escaping the heat in the classroom that often accompanied the opening days of school.



Mark Ladd-Computer Sciences  
Mary Lunde-Guidance  
Steve Maple-Science  
Kay Masten-German  
Ron McAtee-Media Specialist  
Mike McKay-Technology  
Kathy McKinney-English/Journalism

Maureen Melton-Special Ed  
Jeff Mengel-Technology  
John Michael-Guidance  
Sarah Miller-Fine Arts  
Kevin Mulvihill-Technology  
Allen Nagel-Math  
Paul Norwine-Social Studies

Greg Oliver-Special Ed.  
Sara Patterson-Science  
Mike Peo-Social Studies  
George Post-Social Studies  
John Price-Science  
Pat Prince-Social Studies  
Robert Prescott-Asst. Principal

Dan Roberts-PE/Health  
Judy Roberts-Math

not pursued  
Aubrey Norris  
Jeff Moelenaar



**H**aving a one on one conversation with his student, Mr. George Post and Senior Aubrey Voyles discuss economics. Economics was a time consuming required senior class. "I've learned a lot, and I will keep my economics folder for the rest of my life because of the valid information it contains," said Senior Aubrey Voyles.

**S**topping to answer Junior Brian Grady's question, Mr. Jeff Mengel demonstrates his hands on teaching style. In welding class the students work is very independent except when they're learning how to do new projects.

*by Heather Bacon*

Jennifer Schroeder -  
Home Ec.  
Guy Skobul -  
Ast. Principal  
Marti Sherwood - Math  
Kristi Slaby - Science  
Gayle Smith - ESL  
John Spinks - A.D.  
Ken Steidle -  
Band Director  
Jill Steiner - English  
Kevin Stephens - P.E.  
Dennis Strettell - Science  
John Vanderlaan -  
Social Studies  
Bobbi Watkins - Science  
Dirk Weiner - Sp. Ed  
John Wickstrom - Alt. Ed



Gail Woolever - Art  
Diana Zacher -  
Business  
**-Support Staff-**  
Lisa Anderson - Aide  
Carrie Brockway - Aide  
Anna Daniels - Aide  
Gayle DeVries - Aide  
Sheila DeYoung -  
Treasurer

Dr. Laura Boilini--Superintendent



**S**upporting the school motto of safety first and curriculum second. Dr. Laura Boilini spent her days working on programs that would improve the quality of education in the corporation. She also spent numerous hours outside her office as she participated in classroom discussions, academic decathlon judging, rode busses and fully acquainted herself with the schools and support services during her second year as Superintendent.

**S**chool Board: Row 1: Robert Misch, John Heerema, Tim Beistra  
Row 2: Bill DeVries, Phillip Kuhns, John Jungles.

**K**itchen staff: Row 1: Tina Conley, Linda Hazelgrove, Kathy Ferguson, Jean Kosin. Row 2: Laude Whited, Julie Heide, Gladys Mathis, Sue Christopher, Lisa Stovall, Gloria Sullivan, Julie Gooden Row 3: Donna Black, Debbie Recker, Donna Jonkman, Ruth Myers, Barb Matusak, Bobbie Ketchum





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Elaine Dykstra - Aide  
Teresa Erny - Aide  
Terri Forehand - Tech  
Jennifer Geiselman - Tech  
Nancy Gluth - Aide  
Jill Kozak - Sec.

Gloria Kreischer - ESL  
Julie Martin - Aide  
Kathy Misch - Sec.  
Laurie Patrick - Sec.  
Mary Pollard - Aide  
Rozanne Sanders - Sec.  
Andrea Scheidt - Nurse

Sheila Shields - Aide  
Donna Sohn - Aide  
Mary Spurgeon - Sec.  
Lottie Stein - Aide  
Sandy Tiemans - Aide  
Debbie Turpin - Sec.  
Nancy Valenkamp - Aide

Donna Zuchowski - Aide

Central Office Secretaries  
Kim Mount  
Carol Deardorff  
Carol Risner

**Y**ou only do the assignment once. I have to grade it 60+ times," was Mrs. Carey's response to why teachers often took extended time to grade.

Although students viewed them as excuses, teachers also said, "Most of the time I tell them the truth. I haven't had the time yet or there are several people that need to take the test or quiz before I can return anything," said Mr. Gray.

Mr. Greenlee's response to the question was, "I was busy doing other things. Sorry!"

Teachers cited laziness, talking, and lack of effort as reasons for their impatience.

"I become impatient with students who came to class unprepared



were never taught how to do the material."

When asked what her biggest class pet peeve was, Ms. Belei said, "I hate those finger boards,(little skateboard toys) because the noise they made was maddening! I'd like to crush them all with a rubber mallet."

These were just a few of the little frustrations that made up a teacher's day.

# KV Faculty

By Ashley M.



# Is for Academics

Hi classmates,

Although our classes seemed to challenge us more each year, many new programs were implemented to help us fight our way through hundreds of tests, thousands of presentations, and millions of everyday assignments.

Some new programs included math labs, taught by Mrs. Judy Roberts and Mr. Herald Hostetler, and writing labs, provided by Mr. Tim Adams and Mrs. Kathy Eckert. ISTEP remediation, guided by Mrs. Anna Daniels and Mrs. Elaine Dykstra, and ESL, taught by Mrs. Gloria Kreischer, were also offered to those of us who needed the extra help.

Each was created to enhance learning abilities for us. Standards set by Indiana officials were also created to ensure each class was up to par. Classes had to cover certain topics, and our teachers worked hard to keep these goals in mind while teaching us what we needed to know.

We even added new teachers to the academic staff. Mrs. Audrey Norris and Mrs. Hallie Chicki started teaching some of us in science and English. With everything we accomplished academically, we strived to be everything we could together, **TIED WITH PRIDE**.

Sincerely,

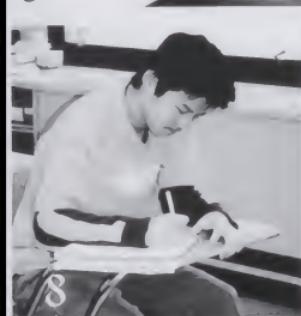
Courtney and Amanda

Creating an object out of wood, Junior Bryant Barrera works quickly to finish his project during Mr. Mike McKay's class. "I like doing things with my hands and making something out of nothing. Taking a two-dimensional drawing and building it into a three-dimensional object reflects a great love of mine as an advanced woods student. Mr. McKay, I feel, enjoys teaching, and I enjoy learning from him," Bryant said.



Senior Shawn Davidson said he felt he accomplished a lot in his last year. After being named Mr. Cougar in February, he proved to be a shining student at KV. Shawn stated he was happy about winning. Along with that honor, he also played a towns-person in "Cinderella," performed by drama students. With Mr. Paul Epley's class, he created and sold various objects, such as WWJD bracelets, key chains, coin pouches, and friendship bracelets. "Shawn Davidson is a very hard working student, and at the same time, he cares about other people. He is an all around good guy," said Mr. Epley.

**~Shawn Davidson~**



**M**s. Huss was our student teacher in American Lit for second semester. She was really cool! I also liked learning about the Crucible.  
~Emily Penninga



**3.** Holding up a cake made by Junior Tonya Brust, Mrs. Pat Price explains the creative twist given to an assignment. Other people who made cakes to represent their information were Scott Hoffman and Aleesha Wall. The project was given for students to represent WWII in whatever creative way they wanted to.

**4.** Taking notes in Business Law, Senior Jennifer Greshaw writes down all information that might appear on a test. "This class taught me a lot about business and what could happen if something illegal went on in the business world," Greshaw said.

**5.** As she finishes her work, Mrs. Anna Daniels prepares for ISTEP remediation. ISTEP was a required test that sophomores took. It had to be passed by all seniors before they could graduate. Mrs. Dykstra also helped students in this area.

**6.** While creating a valentine, Sophomore Carly Rice writes a poem in French. After making cards, each person in the class gave their cards to various friends.

**7.** While working on an Algebra II assignment, Sophomore Josh Cambe follows what Mrs. Judy Roberts lectured on during class. While a lot of schools typically taught Algebra I, then Geometry, and finally Algebra II, KV taught Algebra I, Algebra II, and then Geometry.

**8.** Writing a report on Oedipus the King during Dramatic Literature, Senior Rolander Yang finishes his assignment. Other plays covered in Dramatic Lit were Adding Machine, Hamlet, and Glass Menagerie.

**9.** Working on his two-dimensional drawing, Freshman Daniel Kwasniewski accurately draws his lines. In some wood classes, students had to turn their two-dimensional drawing into an actual object.

**10.** Decorating their foreign language class door, Juniors Theresa Cruikshank, Tiffany Philpot, Ashlee Matson, and Nicole Disney work on making the French door look as spirited as possible. Students all around school, in every class, decorated doors. Mr. Greg Oliver's class won with the best decorated door. Students considered it to be a great team project.

# Artistic Flair

Three teachers that were involved with fine arts were Mrs. Nancy Klockow, Mrs. Sarah Miller, and Mrs. Gail Woolever. In Ceramics I, students started with vocabulary words and the basics and spent a week each semester on ceramic history. In Ceramics II, Mrs. Miller kept up-to-date ceramic magazines, and all students picked out the right project for themselves. Mrs. students have one very well Fiber Arts, polymer clay necklaces, and end of the year, practiced



Carrie Rice and Gregory Gound

Miller said, "All of the accomplished at least done, unique piece." In students have made beads, bracelets, baskets. Towards the students learned and Shabori, a Japanese stitching method and then the material is dyed. The last big project of the year was weaving, large needlepoint, or completing latch hook.

Media Art was another class that Mrs. Klockow taught. Media Arts was a photography class that only worked with black and white film. They learned how to develop the film and made prints. Mrs. Klockow said, "It is a very hard and challenging class."

Many awards were won by the students including Aubrey Voyles and Kelly Foley. They both won an award in Excellence and received a \$250 scholarship to St. Joseph's College. Lindsay Craig won two awards in the Farm Bureau Project XL competition.



In Second semester of Advanced Fiber Arts, Junior Jamie Anderson starts working on a needlepoint. She said, "I really like Fiber Arts a lot. There are so many different projects that allow you to have fun and be extremely creative."

Not only does Sophomore Ashley Murray take Art, but she also takes Ceramics I. After making a ginger bread house in ceramics class, she said, "I had fun in there making the house. I tell everyone to take that class. You work with your hands and with your imagination."





## What do you want to say?



"There are always projects to do in which you can excel your artistic ability."  
-Sophomore Amy Knip



"There's never a dull moment in Mrs. Miller's Ceramics class."  
-Junior Daniel Boissy

"Art classes are where lots of energy and creative ideas are located."

~Mrs. Miller



In Mrs. Sarah Miller's Ceramics II class, Senior Nancy Krueger works on a heart wall hanging. She exclaimed, "I was making a heart that said 'I love you. When this picture was taken, I was painting it all different colors."

In Mrs. Nancy Klockow's class, Junior Sarah Jabany and Senior Aubrey Voyles add color to their tie dye project. In addition to painting the Senior motto, Voyles won an award of Excellence at the St. Joe art exhibit. Voyles has been in art all four years.

# Business

Many students planned on going into the business industry, so they took business courses taught by Mrs. Diana Zacher and Mrs. Lynn Ginzer, who helped them get there with the students' best foot forward. Junior Michelle Berg said, "I thought taking a business course, especially accounting, would be beneficial to my future endeavors. It is helpful to be familiar with the various accounting concepts, and the business field is involved in every other field in one way or another."

Even if planning on going into the business field, they took business courses to learn business practices.

In the classes, students such as running a hot dog stand and creating an NCAA poster for the teams in the NCAA tournament. They learned about business law and managing their own finances. Skills learned were how to balance checkbooks and how and why it was important to finance a house. For students who wanted to get a jump start on a business career or just learn about finances and responsibility, business classes were an opportunity to learn life and career skills.



William White

students were not into the business benefited from the by learning about in the real world. various business did many projects, their own hot dog



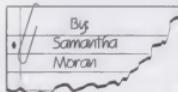
In Mrs. Lynn Ginzer's Business Foundations class, Junior Jimmy Trembly works on his assignment on the computer. Jimmy said, "I really liked Business class. It was one of my most fun classes, and it also gave me time to prepare for the club in which I'm extremely involved Business Professionals of America."

Junior Meagan Kikkert works on her typing assignment in Mrs. Lynn Ginzer's Keyboarding class. Meagan said, "Though keyboarding class was fun, the keyboarding part got extremely repetitive and kind of boring. All in all, I am glad that I took it because I learned a lot, and I will be able to use what I learned at least everyday for the rest of my life."

(Above Right)



"My favorite project was building a hot dog stand for my final project."  
~Senior Matthew Donis





## What do you want to say?



*"I really liked class, and Mrs. Ginzer always tried to keep it interesting."*  
-Sophomore Rachel Kikkert



*"I liked Business class because I learned a lot of new things."*  
-Freshman Benjamin Culpepper



Dustin Wartman



Freshman Mackenzie Nannenga works on her homework in Mrs. Lynn Ginzer's Intro to Business class. Mackenzie said, "It was really interesting to see how the business industry works and how it's the economy that keeps it going."

Working diligently, Senior Carl Vald works on an assignment in Mrs. Lynn Ginzer's Business class. Carl said, "Like Business class. It is very refreshing because I know that someday I will be able to use it."

# Theater Arts II

Theater Arts II built character. "In Theater Arts II, I learned that there are so many ways to look different and show emotions.

Acting is not as easy as it looks. You have to be open to doing just about anything," said Junior Kori Jarrell. Among many other things students performed how to do injuries and make a point themselves. performing



learned about plays. They learned stage make-up, fake use body language to and better express. They were involved in skits and plays including *Romeo and Juliet*, *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, and *Storm in the Dorm*. They also participated in readers theater and finally the most anticipated thing, the music video at the end of the year. The music video turned out to be a huge success. Juniors, Justin Adkins, David Thompson and Jerrold Martinez said "The dance music video that the Drama class performed was awesome. The story line was really funny and kept us entertained the entire time that it was going on. The girls did a really good job dancing."

Rehearsing her lines for the play *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, Sophomore Brandy Wilkerson works hard to make sure she doesn't forget anything.

Performing in the play, *Romeo and Juliet*. Sophomores Shannon Abrell and Brandon Phillips try to catch Sophomore Jessica Nuss before she falls after being stabbed by Tibelt. (Above Right)



By  
Sam Phillips

"I liked  
Theater Arts  
II because  
it's fun.  
You get to  
be creative,  
and you  
learn a lot  
of new and  
interesting  
things."  
-Junior  
Samantha  
Moran



Theater Arts II



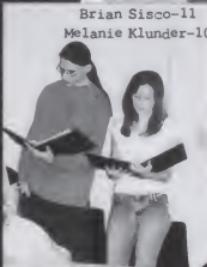
## What do you want to say?



*"I liked Theater Arts II because it gives me a chance to become different people."*  
*-Sophomore Keith Hoffman*



*"Learning how to become my character, work with others and be a part of the plays was awesome."*  
*-Junior Tara Pellegrini*



**Brian Sisco-11**  
**Melanie Klunder-10**



**P**articipating in second hour drama class' production of *Romeo and Juliet*, Senior, Tracy Cusack takes on the role of Juliet. This was the third production out of four that drama class performed.

**D**uring third hour drama class Sophomore, Ashton DeVries, and Juniors Kathryn Huhn and Amanda Griebe and Senior Caleb Rice try to keep their lines in tact during readers theater.

# English

Throughout the school year, the English classes did many plays and presentations. In Mr. Tim Adams' Junior English class, students did reports on famous people to help them build their writing skills. Junior Nathaniel Schmoecker said, "I chose to do my paper on John Dillinger and Machine Gun Kelly because I thought they were interesting and something that I would enjoy." In Mr. Adams' Senior English classes, they reenacted a scene from William Shakespeare's

Mrs. Kathy

literature class



tragedy *Oedipus*,

create a stage that

*The Glass*

Mrs. Kathy

American literature class

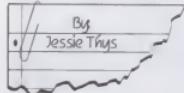
did multimedia projects after reading *The Crucible*.

Different media they could use were video, magazines, power point, music, on-line information, and newspapers. Their projects had to have at least two of those types of media. "Making a video based on *The Crucible* was really fun because my friend Lauren Laski jumped out of a window," said Sophomore Laura VanderLugt.

Mrs. Jill Steiner's and Mr. Tom Black's film literature classes studied musicals, animations, and westerns. For their final, students had to make a movie. Senior Alex Bishop said, "I made about 230 story boards alone, and it took forever! Then we shot for only about ten hours, and after that it was about a good six to eight hours of editing for a 20 minute film."

Sitting on the couch in Mr. Tim Adams' AP English class, Juniors Michelle Berg and Kathryn Huhn work on an in-class writing assignment. Every day in Mr. Adams' classes he chose two people to sit on the couch. (Above right)

In Mrs. Steiner's Theatre Arts I class, Senior Erik Bakrevski and Sophomores Keith Hoffman and Carmen Vankley act out a scene for a music video in drama class.



*MacBeth*.

Melodi Belci's drama read the Greek and they had to convey a theme for *Menagerie*.

McKinney's



"The remaking of West Side Story was exhilarating and enlightening.

I would love to do it again."  
-Senior Joseph Davis



English



## What do you want to say?



*"My favorite project was the To Kill a Mockingbird project, because people came up with the craziest stuff!" -Freshman Michelle Moran*



*"English is my favorite class, especially when we have family day." -Junior Justin DeRock*



Barry Reynolds



**R**enacting a scene from William Shakespeare's *MacBeth* are seniors Brandon Fahey, Alyssa Demeter, and Brandy Whitford in Mr. Tim Adams' Senior English class. Students were able to volunteer to play the part of the three fates.

**S**ophomore Allison Plopper sits in Mrs. McKinney's Sophomore Honor English class with Brazilian Youth Ambassador student Andre Grutorow. He was one of only five exchange students who had the opportunity to visit Kankakee Valley.

# Career Classes

At KV, there were several classes that allowed students to get a taste of what life after high school would be like. These classes offered a sampling of different career options.

Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (I.C.E.) program gave seniors the chance to make a little money while still earning school credits. Students went to school until 1:30 and then were released to go to work.

English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) is a class that gave new students a place to go for help if they were still having trouble understanding the English language. Mrs. Gloria Kreischer helped students with homework assignments as well as their English speaking skills.

Students

Class learned and how to fix Repair class, maintain at Algebra.



Barry Reynolds

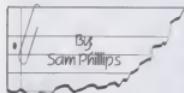
in Computer Repair how computers work them. To be in Computer students had to to least a C average in

and experiencing health careers by hospitals and nursing homes occupied Health Occupations students'. Students had to be a senior and interested in the health care field, and they had to maintain a C+ average. Mrs. Forehand stated, "There is a certain amount of book work and tests, of course, but the hands-on work is mostly stressed."

Law Enforcement students studied laws and learned about prison. Students were taught defensive tactics such as proper traffic stops and violations, handcuffing, and ticket writing. They also did a crime scene investigation project. This two hour block class allowed students to explore what a career in law enforcement would be like.

Helping out at Crestmark Nursing Home. Bill Armstrong, along with Seniors Deanna Polus, Sarah Stoffel, and Krysten Cunter, students in the Health Occupations class, work together to put up a Christmas tree for the residents.

During Computer Repair, Seniors Kristopher Baccino and Jennifer Allen talk about how to fix the problem on the computer.



"I liked Health Occupations because the clinical experience gave me a good outlook on nursing."  
~Senior Jill Jamieson



Career



## What do you want to say?

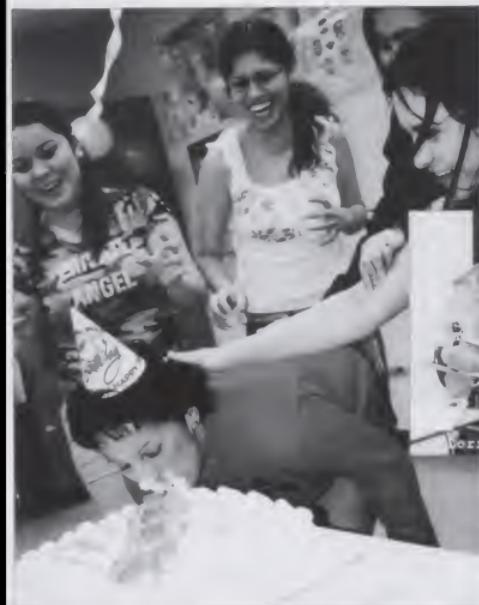


*"Nothing to me was more exciting than being in a classroom [I.C.E.] full of friends, learning about life long lessons."*

*-Senior Andrew Travis*



*"ESL is very open, and Mrs. Kreischer is always asking us how we feel. That is good because when you answer in English, you learn how to use it." -Freshmen Timothy Garlach*



*Morris Lewallen*

**W**hile celebrating Mrs. Gloria Kreischer's birthday, ESL students Carla Medina, Martha Chavarria, Merari Cazares, and Maria Hernandez show her that they care by applauding as she completes the Mexican tradition of putting her face in the cake.

**D**oing bookwork for Law Enforcement, Seniors Eric Drake and Mik'hail Baker listen to their classmates explain how they got the answer to the next problem.

# Foreign Language

Foreign Language class was not just about learning a new language. French, German, and Spanish classes also learned about the culture. For example, both first and second year French made French food for their class. First year French cooking was based off the holiday La Chandeleur. The second year made dinner type foods.

"Being in French is interesting because I get a closer look at a different culture," said Senior Borden Smith.

Third year German class wrote dialogues. "Kammi and I did our dialogue on Mrs. locked her in the used the paint to said" Junior

Spanish celebrated foreign Valentine's Day Spanish had to how to reserve a check in. Then their dialogues to the class.

"Spanish is a fun class because Ms. Grot is an awesome teacher, and she is a really good teacher," said Sophomore Cole Patrick.

"I loved singing songs on Valentine's Day. It was a lot of fun, and it gave us a break from all the work," said Sophomore Rachel Kikkert.

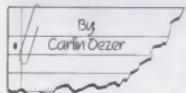


Jennifer Nannenga



Relaxing after a day of second year Spanish. Sophomores Colin Serocinski and Daniel Shadwell play checkers, while Sophomore Kara Prentoski watches the game. "I like to play checkers during our study time because it's something to do, and also it's fun to beat Colin all the time," said Sophomore Daniel Shadwell.

While in 3rd year German, Junior Timothy Fraticelli presents the transparency that he made for his German class. Before he presented the transparency, he wrote down all the words on the board that his classmates might not know.



"French can be a lot of fun. I love when we have parties. They're the bomb."  
-Junior Jennifer Nannenga



Foreign language



## What do you want to say?



"Spanish will help me most in my future profession as a child psychologist."

-Senior Eprise Armstrong



"German's a lot of fun since I have my friends in there with me."

-Junior Matthew Jurs



Brittany Warren



Looking for his favorite foods in first year French, Freshman Tyler Ritchie takes a little bit of everything that was made. The class made dinner and dessert crepes.

During first year French, sophomore Katherine Misiak makes valentines for her friends. Afterwards, she passed them out to all of her friends.

# Home Economics

When you think of Home Economics, one thing comes to mind—cooking—but cooking is not the only subject you learn in Home Ec. Interpersonal Relationships, Life and Careers, Early Child care, as well as Family Wellness are classes taught by Home Economics teachers Ms. Jennifer Theresa Groet. Ms. Schroeder and Ms. Theresa Groet teach how to maintain on adult roles. Nutrition class Tysen's to pick ingredients that food they made, Aaryn Suto.



Schroeder and Ms. These classes taught deal with their feelings, relationships, and take Advanced Foods/ took many field trips to out and buy the many made up the varieties of such as ice cream, pies, cheese, and nutritious snacks. Students also made a party buffet, prepared many varieties of whole meals, and decorated cakes.

Early Child Care, a two hour block, taught students how to improve the minds of children from the ages of two to five. Students taught children their numbers, the alphabet, colors, and much more. For holidays and birthdays, they participated in many activities, such as a card exchange on Valentine's Day. They made headbands and had a leprechaun leap for St. Patrick's Day, and dyed eggs and had an egg-hunt for Easter. "I am always amazed at how well the students pick up on their job occupations and become self-disciplined to the responsibility of the center's running," said Ms. Jennifer Schroeder.



**C**oncentrating on taking notes during Interpersonal Relationships, Sophomore Nicholas Miranda tries to keep up with Ms. Jennifer Schroeder. Interpersonal Relationships was a class that helped students to deal with their emotions and feelings.

**P**laying in the water, Senior Patricia Miley helps Kyle Eeningen put the water in the shark's mouth to squirt it out again. "Out of my entire high school career, Jennifer Schroeder's Early Child Care class has been the most fulfilling and educational. I will value these experiences throughout my life," Miley said.



Home Economics



## What do you want to say?



"Life & Careers taught me how to start my own business. I enjoyed it very much." -Junior Gabriel Mijares



"Working with the kids has taught me more than just sitting in a class ever would!"

"I took foods class because I wanted to learn more about foods in other countries."

-Freshman  
Tonya Davis



Helping Rhea Eenigenburg and Trenton Walstra with their small motor skills and hand/eye coordination, Senior Ashley Retzlaff watches as they carefully use the scissors. Using scissors to cut papers was just one of many examples of working with the kids' hand/eye coordination.

In Advanced Foods and Nutrition, Sophomores Clarin Bonilla and Aaron Hebold watch Tony Lachel from The Cooking and Hospitality Institute of Chicago as he makes flowers out of icing to put on top of cakes. Tony visited on January 29 and taught classes all day on how to decorate cake tops.

# Math

**M**ath can be really hard, easy or sometimes in between. For instance, all the steps involved in Algebra, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, and Algebra II can be quite confusing to some people. To others, the answers come easily. For people who struggled in math, a Math Lab was opened. It was open during all of fourth hour. Mr. Herald Hostetler and Mrs. Judy Roberts were the ones in charge of it.

The Math Lab said about it. said that their improving, and was starting to

"The helpful. Mr. my questions easier to comprehend," said Senior Alyssa Demeter.

Math Lab also helped students get ready for tests by going over what would be on the test and reviewing all the material they had done in that chapter. Students got help on anything from beginning classes like Algebra Tech to more advanced classes like Calculus. Whatever class the students were taking, they always got the help they needed.

"The Math Lab was a lot of help to me with my homework, and I got a better understanding of how to do the problems I'm working on," said Senior Matthew Donis.



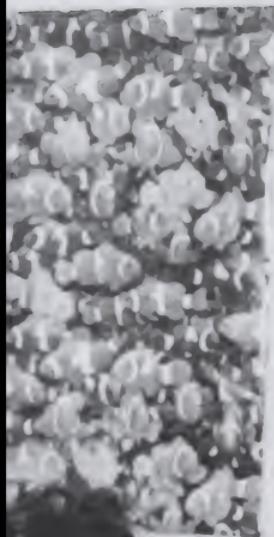
**Jeremy Jackson**

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**W**orking on her math homework for Mr. Allen Nagel's class, Freshman Crystal Flores intensely tries to figure out a problem on her Pre-Algebra worksheet.

**D**uring fourth hour Math Lab, Sophomore Alana Williams asks Mr. Herald Hostetler for assistance with her homework.



## What do you want to say?



*"Math is interesting because you take things that don't make sense and try to make them work right."*

*-Junior Alexander Warren*



*"I enjoy Mr. Herald Hostetler's Pre-Calculus class because he makes challenging material easy to learn."*

*-Junior Megan Kikkert*

***"My most memorable moment in Algebra 1 was when I finally got an A on a test. I knew then that I was finally starting to understand Algebra 1."***

***-Freshman Megan Odle***



**S**enior Brian Downing gets help on a problem from his Math homework that was giving him trouble. Mrs. Nancy Valenkamp helped him during his study time.

**W**hile in Mr. Mark Ladd's Algebra I class, Freshman Christopher Cole writes down the notes that his teacher is giving him so he can use them on his homework.



# PE/Health

**M**ost classes worked on improving the mind, but Physical Education and Health taught students about the mind and the body. These classes expanded their education on the human body and the things that harm them, as well as how to keep it in shape.

In Health class, students focused on what they should do and what they should avoid to stay healthy. "We have done educational say my favorite learned about effect everyone's who smoke Sophomore



Melissa Easto

"so many neat and things I would have to thing was when we cigarettes and how they life, not just the people them," commented Brittany Sutton.

learned that ranch

dressing in ravioli isn't healthy. I have learned that garlic bread in ranch dressing isn't healthy, either. I have also learned that you don't have to try something to know it's utterly, utterly against human law," said Sophomore Mark Nikolas.

Before students got to health class as sophomores, they took PE as freshmen. There, they learned the importance of keeping their bodies in shape. In addition to team sports, students were required to complete units in swimming, tennis, badminton, and soccer. "I learned that it is important to be in good shape because it will help you later in life. You won't get weak bones at a young age," said Freshman Daryl Wood.



**W**orking in a group in Mr. George Post's 6th hour health class, Sophomores Steven Roelfs, Thomas Meyers, Christopher Walstra, and Michael Warner discuss how harmful substances can affect the human body.



**C**oncentrating on her technique while playing golf in gym class, Freshman Jacquelynn Scheidt swings back to hit the ball. "Although golf was not my favorite or best sport, I had a lot of fun doing it."





## What do you want to say?



"In Health class we have discussed topics such as nutrition, stress, alcohol, and drugs." -Sophomore Jessica Nuss



"Gym was an awesome class because I am allergic to Algebra. So running around without a purpose was fun at times." -Freshman Scot Wilder

"Gym improves self-esteem, and shows you where your interests lie in after school activities." - Sophomore Ashleigh Tronjo



During six weeks of required swimming, Freshman Timothy Garlach uses a kick board to move around the pool. In order to pass the swimming unit, students had to complete three swimming styles successfully.

In a team sports unit, Freshman Breann Rentschler pulls back to hit the shuttlecock in badminton. Badminton, volleyball, pickleball, and soccer were the team sports.



# Science

A lot of the student body likes Science since they actually get to get up, move around, and do interesting hands on labs. Some of the labs were making ice cream, finding different kinds of fungi, dissecting different kinds of reptiles, being involved in a copper lab, and also a paper towel lab.

Senior Alexander Wagner said, "My favorite lab so far would have to be the Kite Lab we did in Ms. Norris's Intro into Physics class. It let us operate a kite based on what it does." Students flew paper airplanes their knowledge of aerodynamics.

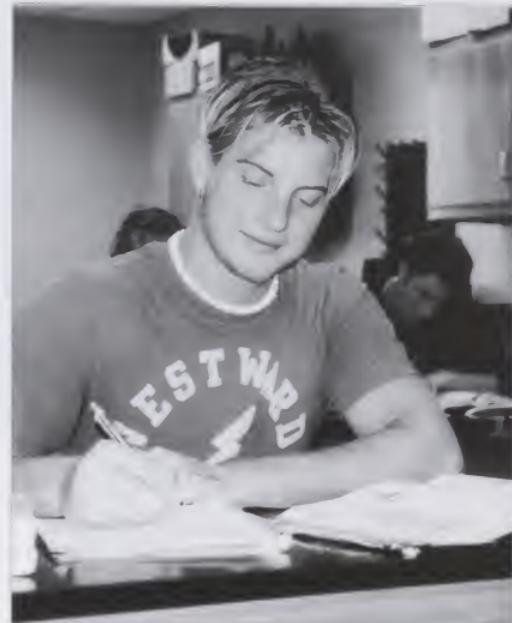
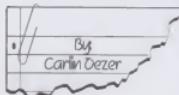
All of make their memorable by watching movies, making little Science jokes, or by doing fun labs that the students loved and worked well in. Teachers also printed out sheets or charts to help students remember information that was on the tests or finals.

"I can't exactly pick out one thing that both teachers did that was really memorable, because everything Mr. Steve Maple and Mrs. Kristi Slaby did was really memorable. Although, I would have to say that the M&M lab we did in Mrs. Slaby's class was my most memorable moment," said Sophomore Ashley Antkowiak.

While sitting in Mr. John Price's class, Senior Shawn Kuiper tries to think up a clever answer to write down on the Physic's homework that had been assigned on that day.

During fourth hour Biology I, Freshman Brittany Hoffman, Sophomore Philip Kniec, and Freshman Sarah Luttringer listened intensely to Mr. Steve Maple's lecture on micro organisms.

(Above Right)



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"Mr. Maple makes his class interesting and fun.

We actually get physically involved in Science class."

-Sophomore  
Ashlee  
Bonesteel



Science



## What do you want to say?



*"There's never a dull moment in Mr. Maple's Biology class. He makes science extremely fun."*

*-Freshman Maggie Forden*



*"Taking Physics with Mr. Price has been one of the hardest classes I've ever taken, but it helped to improve my study habits."*

*-Junior Matthew Gilmore*



*John Newbury*

**W**hile in Mr. John Price's class, Junior Cassandra Pollard uses her notes she took in class to help her on the homework she was just given.



**I**n fourth hour Environmental Science class, Junior Carrie Rice listens to Ms. Sara Patterson while reading up on the extra credit that she could possibly do for that class.

# Social Studies

Traveling back in time, students who took a social studies class learned about the past, present, and future of their country as well as many other countries all around the world. Junior April Williams said, "I like having U.S. History with Mr. Vanderlaan. I really liked studying the 1900's and the different acts that were established. My favorite learned Clydes" for Mr. classes as he students at he helping were tutoring each other. "The most interesting thing that we learned in Econ was that, if you want to be wealthy you should put your money into stocks," said Senior Sheena Wood. Social Studies classes learned about a range of people including Native Americans to the interesting Aborigines in Australia. Government classes helped students understand more about their government and branches of government, including an end of the semester project where they played the game Clue, with government officials as the players. "Mr. Peo made government more interesting for the average student," said Senior Amber Cooper.



time was when we about Bonnie and Seniors got extra help George Posts' Econ showed up to tutor 7:15 a.m. Not only was students, students



**W**orking on her homework for International Relations, Freshman Sara Aitchley goes to write down the answer she found to the question in the book. International Relations taught students more about geography of Social Studies than about wars.



**A**sking Mr. Mike Peo a question about his worksheet, Senior Joshua Wierza gets help with his homework. Government was a class that helped many seniors understand all about what goes on in government and politics in the world today.





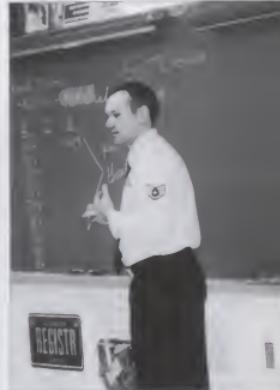
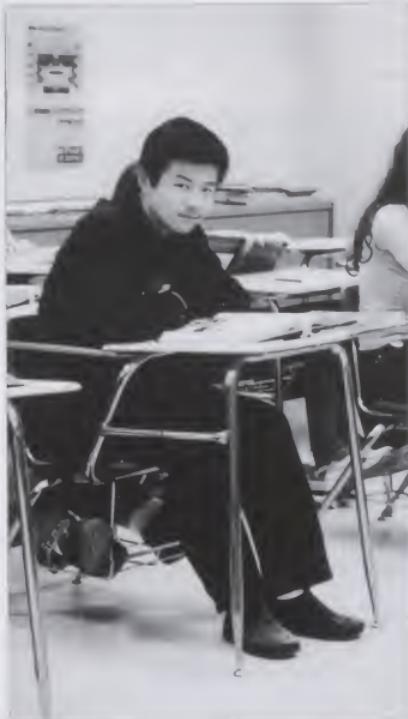
## What do you want to say?



"I never found history class that interesting until I had Mrs. Price as a teacher. She is full of knowledge." -Junior Jessica Anderson



"Current Issues kept me updated on the events around the world." -Sophomore Darren Wierman



Visiting the class to help with any questions. Sgt. Cassida shows the seventh hour Econ class what kind of things are in common with his career in the Air Force. A representative from the Air Force and the Army came to Mr. George Post's classes for a day to discuss their careers and all the benefits that come with a military career.

Discussing WWI, Rolander Yang became involved in the entangling alliances during his World History class. Many students in World History enjoyed more lectures than reading everything out of the book.

"In Econ, we learned that it's your choice to be in poverty or not." -Senior Abby Albin

# Technology

For those who already knew what career they wanted after high school, the technology classes were a great way to learn about industry. In a technology class, students could learn about computers, auto mechanics, architecture, graphing, wood working, and agricultural education. Technology students who were going into such fields as building trades said they really enjoyed these classes. Junior Nathan Blake Simpson said, "I really like hands-lots of these things I will use later in my life."

Many speakers, and David McIntosh



Bradley Shearer

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events were sponsored by Department, such as a Halloween party, guest the Pilot Program. Junior said, "I really liked the

Pilot Program and all the activities that we did."

The Pilot Program focused on exposing students to different activities anywhere from hobbies like quilting and photography to careers like professional boxing. The program featured many speakers, such as Senator Brent Hershman and a spokesperson from the Indiana Historical Society. "It was interesting to have the Senator Hershman at our school. He talked about interesting as well as pressing issues" said Elizabeth Moran.

While putting the finishing touches on his welding project, Junior Matthew Dykstra concentrates on his work to make sure that it is perfect. Matt said, "I really like welding class because it is something that interests me and can be used in my everyday life."

During their computer applications class, Freshman Donald Tilley and Sophomores Colin Serocinski and Royce Havens work hard to complete an assignment. Colin Serocinski said, "I really liked this class because I like working with computers, and it's fun to see what I can create."

By  
Samantha Moran



"I decided to take welding because I like to know as much as possible, and that after I finish a project I will be able to say that I did that."  
~Senior Cory Buckmaster





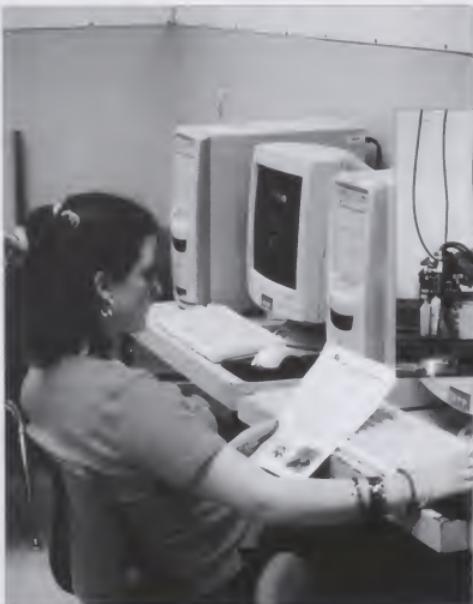
## What do you want to say?



*"I liked Technology because it was always fun, and I was never bored."*  
-Senior Adam Naughton



*"Teaching the kids is always fun, and we try to learn a lot while having a good time."*  
-Mr. Jeff Mengel



**W**orking productively on her computer project, Freshman Melissa Easto tries to concentrate on completing it. Melissa said, "I really liked my computer applications class. We did some really cool projects, and I learned a lot."

**W**hile working hard on his project for Mr. Jeff Mengel's sixth hour welding class, Senior Justen Barcelli adjusts his flame. Justen said "At first I took a welding class for fun, but then I realized that I could make a career out of it."

# Building Trades

**B**uilding trades was a year round class where young men built a house to develop skills that could jump start their careers in construction. The only requirement to take this class was successful completion of construction technology.

Mr. Kevin Mulvihill has been the only teacher for the 11 year old program.

Building bought the lot Enterprises. Kapers and supplies. them \$75,000



Kankakee Valley Trades Incorporated from Shawanke From there they went to purchased all the wood Next, REMC loaned for the year under one condition that they had to use a GEO thermal heat system. GEO thermal means heat from the earth. REMC wanted people to use this type of system because it's energy efficient and cheaper to run. Although it may cost fifty percent more than a regular system, it pays for itself in five years according to Mr. Mulvihill. The \$138,000 house is located in Pleasant Village on lot 42. When it was completed, Trudy Boss from McColl's Real Estate company sold the 1600 square foot, three bedroom, two bath house to Angela Leak.

**W**hile Senior Joseph Whitaker checks to see if the concrete blocks are level, Seniors Eric Laud and Steven Bailey look also. Joseph Whitaker said, "I took building trades because I like to be outdoors and to be working with my hands."

**W**hile cutting through a control joint in the garage, Senior Eric Laud remembers the safety rules that Mr. Mulvihill went over in class. These included safety glasses and cutting the concrete away from the cutter (above).

By  
Jennifer Bennett

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"I've been in construction my whole life. When they started the program, I knew it was the right thing for me." Kevin Mulvihill





## What do you want to say?



*"I'm taking building trades to learn construction and get the experience that I can possibly use for future reference." - Senior Ryan Longstreth*



*"I'm taking building trades because I love construction, and I've been doing it since I was six." - Senior Steven Henderson*



**A**fter they laid the concrete, Seniors Jeremy Easto and Steven Bailey smooth it out. Jeremy Easto exclaimed, "Building Trades opens the window of opportunity."

**E**arly in the morning, Seniors Daniel Nichols and Ryan Longstreth are trying to see if the boards are level. Daniel Nichols said, "It's (building trades) a really good learning experience."

# Is for Sports

Hey Cougar Fans,

Have you been keeping up with the athletic part of the school? It has been a big year for KV sports. So far, we have had Dominic Willis go to state for wrestling and get sixth place. Also, we had Robert Jabaay go to state for Cross Country and receive fifty-fourth place. Michael Lapota was named to the 2004 Wrestling Academic All State First Team. Kevin Lewis received second at sectionals for the 50 freestyle and broke the 50 free style and 100 free style school records. The football team won its first game of sectionals against Gary Roosevelt. The Boys Basketball team won the second game of the LAC tourney against Lake Station, played at Highland.

Mr. Kevin Mulvihill rode his bike across Ireland for a Lilly Grant. While there, he studied landscaping and architecture. Mr. Jeff Mengel taught boxing for students in the school system. He also gave professional boxer Jimmy Holmes lessons.

Our school is very diverse athletically. Not only KV students but also KV teachers challenge themselves physically, both in the school and in the community. Whether we are athletes or fans, we are all one, **TIED WITH PRIDE**.

Sincerely,

Amanda and Courtney

Warming up his serve, Senior Scott Osborn makes sure his toss is good and his feet are in the right position before serving to his opponent.



First place sectional winner for cross country, Senior Robert Jabaay, went to state and placed 54th. He also made Post Tribune's All Area First Team. At the L.A.C. All-Conference meet, Robert finished second. He ran Cross Country and track for four years. He was also a four year Environmental Club member and was vice president his senior year, and he was a two year member of Student Council and a one year member of Varsity Club.

**"Senior Robert Jabaay"**



Sports Division



I had many memorable moments in swimming, like when the girls in lane one sang *Smelly Cat*. It was so awesome and no matter what we were doing it always made us laugh.

~Junior Taylor Clifford~



3. Teeing off, Senior Brianne Womac checks to see if her ball made the green. The golf team practiced and held all their meets at Sandy Pines Golf Course.

4. Before the game, Junior Brittany Luketic practices her mounts with the lifters. The cheerleaders practice one hour before game time to perfect their cheers.

5. Before the timeout is over, Coach Mike Sampson and Coach Jim Woods have a meeting with the girls freshman basketball team about the next play.

6. During a fast break, Junior Joey Peretin takes the ball down the court for a lay-up, while being guarded by a Gavit player.

7. At a home meet, Senior Caleb Rice wrestles his opponent and gains the lead. This was Caleb's second year on the team.

8. Taking down the opponent, Freshman Kevin O'Neal goes after the loose ball. The team came close to winning the game against Gavit but fell short by five points.

9. At an away meet, Junior Taylor Clifford makes her way to the finish line as she passes the cheering fans. This was Taylor's third year on the cross country team.

10. Swimming butterfly in the 200 Individual Medley, Sophomore Christine Miles finishes the first 50 yards. Christine also swam the 400 Free Relay.



At the home game, Senior *Franklin Eden*, Junior *Thomas Sandonato*, and Sophomore *Benjamin Stein* tackle a Calumet Warrior. *Eden* and *Sandonato* were members of the offensive line.

As the offense has the ball, Senior *Erie DeKock* gets tackled by the opposing team with Seniors *Thomas Lesczynski* and *Franklin Eden* by his side.



As the Calumet Warrior heads down the field, Sophomore *Troy Jackson* cuts him off by diving in front of his forward progress. On a cold and rainy October night, Kankakee Valley Cougars beat the Calumet Warriors 29 to 28 in a heart pounding home game.



Ready for a touchdown play, Junior Wide Receiver *Shane Byers* sets up the play. *Byers* said, "For us it was a big step in our program. We learned a lot about our new offense and became stronger as a team. As a senior I hope to contribute more to the future success of our team."



Hammond Gavit 26-KV 21 L, Hammond Clark 28-KV 14 L, Calumet 28-KV 29 W,

By:  
*Amber cooper*

Sports



ture taken by Amber open

# Football

In the Homecoming game, Seniors Carl Feld, Franklin Eden and Sophomore Adam McDaniel tackle the Warriors. Kankakee Valley won by one point during Homecoming.



Front Row: Frank Bechtel, Dustin Wilson, Steven Gillespie, Matthew Oliver, Thomas Lesczynski, Thomas Sandonato, Zachary Prairie, Shane Boyer, Casey Boyer Row 2: Theodore Noy, Cody Seegers, Randall Hilton, Clint Seegers, Bradley Herr, Gentry Brown, Nicholas Schmidt, Cory Bifoss, Edmund Kennedy, Joshua Garrison, Shawn Kuiper, Brian DeKock Row 3: Seth Kuiper, Jason Zavala, Wesley Clinton, Steven Henderson, Jeffrey McMillen, Steven Bailey, Eric DeKock, Samuel Kent, Franklin Eden, Adam McDaniel, Aaron Hebdon Row 4: Asst. Coaches: John Price, Christopher Scott, John Gray, Christopher Mestrovich, Nicholas Miranda, Joseph Kent, Kyle Patrick, Kevin O'Neal, Tyler Richie, Daniel Sharp, Shawn Mikus, Timothy Mandeville, Adam Much, Ryan Armstrong Back Row: Asst. Mike Pro, Sean Patrick, Kevin Zuchowski, Benjamin Stein, Shane Byers, Carl Veld, Ryan Vanderlugt, Kevin Lewis, Benjamin Bryan, Paul Pajka, Thomas Sandonato, and Coach Robert Prescott

One highlight of the 4-7 season was senior Eric DeKock's shattering of the Single Season Rushing Record with a time of 12:55.

Head coach Robert Prescott said, "The 2003 season was enjoyable for everyone involved. We went through some growing pains. By the end of the season, we were playing good football and more importantly, we were a tight-knit group that truly enjoyed spending time together. The seniors will be missed and the coaching staff wishes them the best of luck in the future."

Team improved under the leadership of a new coach, Robert Prescott. In an exclusive radio interview with WLQI 97.7, Prescott said, "I am planning on staying here for a long time, or at least until we

win a championship."

When asked about the record he had broken, Eric DeKock said, "Breaking the rushing record had been a goal for me from the beginning of the year. I'd like to thank my offensive line, consisting of Seniors Frank Eden, Carl Feld, Samuel Kent, Juniors Thomas Sandonato, Ryan Vanderlugt, and Senior Thomas Lesczynski for their help in achieving this goal. It was a great feeling to know that I had broken a record that I had set out to break."

Being a senior was great! I tried to inspire the underclassmen to work hard. I wanted to be a better senior than the seniors my freshman year. I asked the same thing the seniors before asked of me; to do your best. I hope they continue to move the program in the right direction."

Wheeler 40-KV 22 L, Whiting 14-KV 49 W, Gary Roosevelt 12-KV 35 W.



On offense, Junior Quarterback Gentry Brown sets up the front line. He had two Seniors, Leuszynski and Kent, on both sides of him.

Crowded with players waiting to get into the game, the sidelines held Freshmen Wesley Clifton, Adam Garling, and Andrew McKee who turned to the crowd for moral support. They also discussed the game.



On the front line, the team set up a play that ended in a touchdown. They were down and ready for anything that came their way.



In position, Sophomore Running Back Troy Jackson is ready for the play to begin. Jackson said, "I thought our season went exceptionally well. We had a few minor problems at the beginning. We worked through them and had a great group of seniors that led us in the right direction. We also have a coach that seems as if he is going to stick with the team for more than one year! I look for us competing next year for the Conference title."



By:  
Amber  
Cooper

# Football

Picture taken by Amber Cooper



In the middle of a tackle, Sophomore Running Back *Troy Jackson* and Freshman Wide Receiver *Adam Garling* try to save their teammate from getting tackled. *Garling* said, "I enjoyed playing with the older guys at practice because they were so much bigger, and it made me work harder."



In a team huddle during half time, Conch *Robert Prescott* gives a lecture on winning and team support. He didn't want anyone to give up on each other. He wanted motivation from one another. Before every home game, the boys held hands and walked across the field as a team.

Football meant practices on hot August days, long hours, and 61 guys. In the 2003 season the team had a lot more freshmen than they usually did. There were 23 freshmen, 18 sophomores, 7 juniors, and 13 seniors.

Freshman *Matthew Oliver* said, "Being a freshman wasn't bad, because the older guys didn't treat us like we were freshmen. They made us feel like we were part of the team."

Awards given were Perfect Summer Attendance-Seniors *Eric DeKock*, *Samuel Kent*, Junior *Thomas Sandonato*, Sophomore *Aaron Hebda*, *Adam Misch*, Freshman *Joseph Kent*, Sophomore *Jason Zavala*, Freshmen *Wesley Clifton*, and *Timothy Manderville*.

Varsity Valley Pride Award went to Senior *Samuel Kent*. Junior

Varsity Valley Pride Award-Sophomore *Adam McDaniel*. Freshman Valley Pride Award-*Tyler Ritchie*.

Freshman Varsity Kicker *Joseph Swartz* said, "Kicking for the varsity team, as a freshman was a new experience. I hope that I will improve to be a better kicker for Kankakee Valley in the future."

All in the end, the long practices and long hot days all paid off. After being there four years, Senior *Shaun Kuiper* said, "It seems to me that every game was a battle in this big war. You look around you at your friends standing right along side you. You depend upon each other and trust that they will do everything in their power to assure victory, ultimately companions. Although, we lost some games, I didn't feel that was the case."

KV 2=Benton Central 2 T.

KV 1-Bishop Noll 7 L.

KV 2=Hammond Morton 5 L.

KV 1-Highland 7 L.

KV 0-Griffith 8 L.

KV 4-East Chicago 1 W.

KV 0-Andrean 3 L.



Front row: Colin Serociński, Blaine Gross, Nathan Graf, Eric Bakrevski, Mark Melton, Kyle Jansma, Cole Patrick. Row 2: Steven Lovas, Daniel Shadwell, Nathan Stoermann, Trent Dorn, Dean Tillema, Phil Ramsey. Row 3: Coach Duane VanderWoude, Scott Wilder, Greg Grund, Bill VanderWoude, Travis McDaniel, Elogan Serociński, Andrew Talarak. Coach Jason VanderWoude. Back row: Bryan Winter, Alex Warren, Scott Fieldhouse, Kristopher Baccino, Justin DeKock, Steven Winter, Nelson Wilder, Joni VanderWoude.

At one of the most exciting games of the season against Bishop Noll Varsity players, Juniors *Justin DeKock, Nelson Wilder* and Freshman *Nathanael Stoermann* watch excitedly as the underclassmen score a goal to tie up their game. "The varsity boys did a great job cheering us on during all our games," Colin Serociński said, that he greatly appreciated their support.

Before putting on his shoes, Senior *Steven Winter* mentally prepares for his last varsity game of the season. Winter was one of the team's leading scorers.



Right: Getting ready for the game, Coach Duane VanderWoude gives the players a pep talk as they huddle around him.



By:  
*Elizabeth  
Moran*

KV 5-Wheeler 2 W.

KV 1-Lowell 4 L.

KV 0-Illiana 6 L.

KV 0-Hammond Clark 2 L.



Boys' Soccer



## Boys' Soccer

KV 2-Chesterton 6 L KV 1-Hammond High 4 L

Playing captain for the first time, Sophomore *Daniel Shadwell* attempts to out run a defensive player and glances up as he prepares to pass to the forwards in front of him on the field. "Junior Varsity had a great season. We worked real hard and did our best," said *Colin Serocinski*.



Congratulating the opposing team's players with a friendly handshake, Freshman *Mark Melton* reflects on his performance at that night's game. "We had a great season, I can't wait until next year." At almost all of their games the boys were very cordial to the opposing teams because good behavior has always been a good thing.

Varsity Boys Soccer ended their season with a 3-13-1 record. Junior Varsity concluded with a record of 9-4-1. Junior Varsity Most Dedicated Award winner, *Daniel Shadwell*, said, "This season was great. We came out with a great record. Our team went through some tough times, but we overcame them and worked together on the field. We are a team that would not back down. We had exactly 11 players, and sometimes we would play teams 9 on 11, and came out with a win. That's what you call teamwork."

Junior Varsity Outstanding Soccer Skills award went to Sophomore *Colin Serocinski*. His reaction to this achievement was, "It's cool that I got an award for my skills, but it took a lot

of practice. Practicing is the key to success." Varsity Rookie of the Year award went to Freshman *Nathaniel "Buddy" Steermann*. Other awards went to Senior *Kristopher Baccino* for Most Dedicated on the Varsity Team. Varsity Mr. Hustle Award went to Junior *Kyle Jansma*.

As Seniors reflected on their final season, Senior *Mikhail Baker* said, "We all had a great season. This was one of my best years. I am sorry to see it over so soon, but I wouldn't trade it for anything. Good work gentlemen. One of Varsity's closest games against Hammond Morton attracted many Cougar fans. Hammond was shut out by the Junior Varsity, 7-0.

KV 6-Michigan City Marquette 4 W,

KV 1-Rensselaer 0 W,

KV 1-Hammond Gavit 4 L KV 1-Michigan City 7 L

KV 5-Morton 0 W, KV 7-Michigan City Marquette 1 W, KV 4-Boone Grove 0 W, KV 1-Andreasen 5 L, KV 1-O-Hobart 1 L



On Senior Day, Gonlie *Katie Auss* didn't want it to end. As she stood there along with her parents, she smiled upon her record breaking season.

As she warms up before the game, Senior *Rebecca Thomason* runs across the field to get pumped up for the tourney championship game. "I have learned a lot about soccer from *Rebecca*, *Tiana*, and *Lorrie* in all kinds of ways," said Junior *Julie Dowhen*.



Before the KV tourney championship game, Senior Captains *Tiana Jungels* and *Rebecca Goetz* have their meeting with the officials.



Senior *Megan Diaz* stands next to her parents on her final home game with her soccer team. Senior *Megan Diaz* said, "The soccer season was a blast. Senior Night was a wonderful ending. Our family and friends made it a happy ending in our final chapter of our high school soccer careers."



By:  
*Achilee Matson*

KV 4-Plymouth 2 W, KV 2-Wheeler 0 W, KV 6-Clark 1 W, KV 1-Valparaiso 7 L

 Girls' Soccer

# Girls' Soccer



On the day of their last home game, all the girls get together as a family and mentally prepare. Senior Lorrie Lewallen said, "I enjoyed Senior Day when Julie gave her tribute to me. It was a tear jerker. This whole season was crazy fun!"



In their first year as members of the Lake Athletic Conference, girls soccer team went 5-0 in the conference, and 11-6 overall. They were named LAC Blue Champions and played some very tough teams like Andrean, Valpo, Munster, and Hobart.

Many school records were broken along the way. Sophomore *Emma Cunningham* had 36 goals in a single season and 56 for her career. Senior *Tiana Jungels* had 27 career assists and Senior *Rebecca Goetz* had 14 single season assists and tied the single game record of three. Senior *Kaite Nuss* had 7 shutouts, 15 career shutouts and recorded 379 saves for shots taken at her, for a new record.

As they closed this season, Junior *Theresa Cruckshank* who said, "Soccer was super fun and I'm

really going to miss all of our seniors." Junior *Jennifer Matusiak* added, "We all pretty much grew up playing soccer together. It's sad that it's all coming to an end, but we had a lot of memories."

ICGSA picked many girls for first team and even some for the second team. ICGSA Academic All-State first team included Seniors *Rebecca Goetz*, *Kaite Nuss*, and *Maire Gurevitz* and honorable mention Senior *Rebecca Thompson*.

ICGSA Academic All-State second team nominees were Sophomores *Emma Cunningham*, and *Alana Williams*. Seniors *Rebecca Goetz*, *Melissa Strebler*, *Rebecca Thompson*, and goalie *Kaite Nuss*. Top team player recognized was *Maire Gurevitz*.

Girls' Soccer Front Row: Kaite Nuss and Lauren Laski. Back Row: Carleen Gunter, Kathryn Hader, Cassandra Coffey, Jennifer Matusiak, Melissa Strebler, Alana Williams, Rebecca Thompson, Theresa Cruckshank, Emma Cunningham, Julie Dohmen, Alison Schultz, Mary Fredrich, Shannon Ahrell, Bow Bar, Julie Dohmen, Carrie Rice, Amanda Jackson, Kelly Drake, Tracy Cusak, Bow Bar, Ruthie Spagle, Emma Cunningham, Allison Poppo, Megan Dunc, Rachel Kikkert, Kreyten Gunter, Maia Gurevitz, Rebecca Goetz, Tiana Jungels, Brittney Warren, Bow Bar. Coach Lewellen, Jessica Nuss, Destiny Bacchus, Bridget Davis, Keeley Woods, Bethany Clark, Anne Davis, Melanie Daniels, Coach Thompson.

**KV 8-Oregon-Davis 0 W, KV 4-Gavit 0 W, KV 7-Lowell 1 W,**

**KV 6-Rensselaer 0 W,**

# Volleyball

Among the many high school sports here in the Home of the Cougars, volleyball has shown some of the greatest improvements throughout the years. Participating in summer workshops and area clinics, team members honed vital skills.

The season ended with 32 wins and 6 losses, including a victory at Sectionals and a first round defeat at Regionals. Junior *Jill DeFries* said, "This season was the best we ever had. Winning the LAC Black Division was especially exciting because the other schools underestimated us and never saw it coming."

The team finished the season winning the Chesterton tournament, the Twin Lakes tournament, and taking second place at the KV and Peru tournaments. They went 7-0 and won the LAC Black Division. The team won Sectionals for the first time in seven years. It was a shock to many other schools, but not the Cougars. Senior *Stephanie Call* replied, "The team worked hard all season. We really pushed ourselves to improve and proved to all who doubted us that we could do it. It was a great season. I had a lot of fun."

As well as the team accomplishments, some individuals were also recognized for their outstanding performances. The MVP award went to the team captain, *Taryn Porter*. *Megan Kikkert* was awarded Best Offensive Player. Best Defensive Player went to *Kirsten Fifield*. *Amanda Bonilla* was voted Most Improved. Cougar Pride went to *Jennifer Allen*, and *Michelle Berg* rounded it up with Sportsmanship. The volleyball team was coached by Rick Ashmore who was assisted by Sarah Reid, and KV Class of '99 graduate Stacy Recker.

Wrapping it all up Senior *Amanda Bonilla* said, "No matter how many times we won or lost, the only thing that really mattered was the spirit of the team. We were all in it together."



Pregame Lineup



Pregame Huddle



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3 Michelle Schurman

4 Team Meeting

5 Megan Kikkert



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KV-21,21 Plymouth-13,13 W KV-10,10 Valparaiso-21,21 L KV-21,21,21 Highland-10,13,16 W KV-15,16 Merrillville-21,21 L KV-21,21 South Bend St. Joseph KV-21,21,21 Hammond Gavit-5,7,8 W Sectionals: KV-21,21,12,21 Andraen-17,10,21,15 W KV-21,21,21 Gary Mann-4,3,7 W KV-21,21,21

On the first night of volleyball Sectionals, Junior Jill DeVries attempts to block the ball from the Andrean Niners. Lady Cougars took the win with ease in the first two games and came back with a bang in the fourth to move on to the next day of Sectionals.

Front Row: Michelle Berg, Kirstin Fifield, Amanda Bonilla, Ashley Martin, Jill DeVries Row 2: Jen Allen, Lindsey Shea, Megan Kikkert, Michelle Schurman, Taryn Porter, Angela Donis Back Row: Meagan Kwasniewski, Jessie Jungles, Stephanie Call, Clarisa Bonilla, Coach Sarah Reid, Coach Stacy Recker, Coach Rick Ashmore.



Front Row: Jessie Jungles, Clarisa Bonilla, Kirah Fifield, Carrile Baumgarte, Brittney Scott Back Row: Abby Sandonato, Angela Donis, Lindsey Shea, Katherine Hubbeling, Coach Stacy Recker

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Luyon



# CROSS-COUNTRY

Capturing a first place in Sectionals and a fifth place in Regionals, cross country kept it alive behind senior *Robert Jabaay* who was a state finalist. Although only one person made it to state, the cross country team had an excellent season. Coach *Walt Prochno* said, "Robert had an excellent season, no matter how you measure it. He won a bunch of invitationals. He was also a Sectional champ and an individual state finalist. He was especially cool to watch considering in the middle school there was nothing really special about him. He was just another face in the crowd." Walt Prochno has been the coach of the cross country team for 25 years.

Our team kept their spirits full while they were running at their home Invitational meet. *Jabaay* finished in first place, and *Whitney Prochno* finished in second. Boys and girls teams both made it to Sectionals which were held at Rensselaer. Boys finished in first place, and the girls finished in second. The team then advanced to Regionals, where the boys finished in fifth place and the girls finished in seventh. Cougar boys then advanced to semi-state, that was held at New Prairie, where the team was stopped with a 15th place finish. *Robert Jabaay* was the only Cougar to advance to state. *Jabaay* finished in fifty-fourth place. *Robert* said, "It was simply amazing running at state with all those hardcoreasurs. It was an honor for me to make it that far. I felt good representing KV."

Cross country team has celebrated every year with a pot-luck dinner before the awards ceremony. Pot-luck dinner consisted of pizza and soda pop, bread sticks, pasta, and desserts. After the team ate, they went to the awards ceremony. Awards that were given to the boys team were Most Valuable Runner - *Robert Jabaay*, Rookie of the Year - *Devin Dorn*, Academic award - *Ryan Smeltzer*, Most Improved - *Jeremy Jackson*, Captain - *Robert Jabaay*.

For the girls the awards were Most Valuable Runner - *Whitney Prochno*, Most Dedicated - *Aleesha Wall*, Rookie of the Year - *Jamie Vandermolen*, Academic Award - *Clarisa Bonilla*, Most Improved - *Whitney Prochno*, Captain - *Whitney Prochno*.



3 *Whitney Prochno*

4 *Clarisa Bonilla & Coach Prochno*

5 *Nathan Schultz*

New Prairie KV-17th, Rensselaer KV-1st, Highland KV-7th, North Newton KV-1st, KV Invite

Girls : North White KV-1st, McCutcheon KV-3rd, Lowell KV-5th, Indianapolis KV-5th,

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Finishing in first place at KVHS Invitational meet, senior *Robert Jabay* was a state finalist. He also earned the Captain award.

By  
Daine  
Willis

Finishing strong for the KV girls is sophomore *Jamie Vandermolen*. *Vandermolen* won the Rookie of the Year award.

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Front Row Taylor Clifford, Whitney Prochno, Jamie Vandermolen, Elizabeth Studer, Aleesha Wall, Mallory Wierba, Row 2: Ryan Smeltzer, Ryan Strandberg, Timothy Cusack, Zachary Sessions, Patrick Cusack, Jeremy Jackson, Logan Sessions Back Row: Coach Paul Norwine, Andrew Klemp, Patrick Prochno, Troy Colbert, Nathan Schultz, Devin Dorn, Dominic Willis, Robert Jabay, Matthew Donis, Jonathan Cusack, Coach Walt Prochno.

KV-1st, Andrean KV-1st, Lowell LAC KV-3rd/ KV Invite KV-2nd, Andrean KV-2nd, Lowell KV-4th,

KV LAC KV-2nd, Griffith KV-3rd, New Prairie KV-13th, Rensselaer KV-1st, Highland KV-7th, North Newton KV-1st,

KV 4-Wheeler 1 W, KV 2-Lowell 3 L, KV 4-Knox 1 W, KV 5-Rensselaer 0 W, KV 4-Lake Station 1 W, KV 5-MC Marquette 0 W, KV 3-Benton Central 2 W  
KV 4-Wheeler 1 W, KV 2-Lowell 3 L, KV 5-Girffith 0 W, KV 5-E. Chicago 0 W, KV 2-Highland 3 L, KV 4-Andraen 1 W, KV 1-Lake Central 4 L, KV 2-N. Judson 3 L

# Boys and Girls Tennis

Boys entered the LAC Conference and ended up with the record 10 wins and 5 losses. In conference their record was 2 wins and 3 losses. As his senior year came to an end, *Joshua Wierzba* said, "Tennis was awesome. It was tough being in the black division, but we had a lot of good matches against the bigger schools."

Coach *Dan Roberts* gave out five awards. They were Most Valuable Player: *Joshua Wierzba*. Rookie of the year: *Daniel Lewallen*. Most Improved Player: *Mark Terborg*. Most Dedicated: *Scott Osborn*. and Captain: *Calvin Hamstra*.

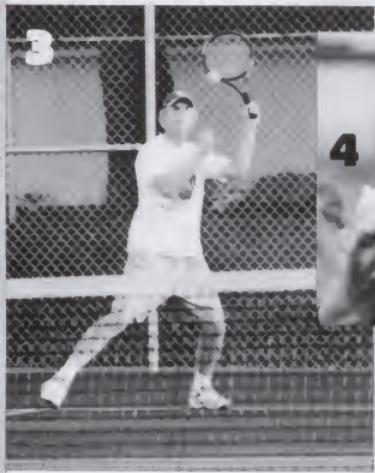
In female action, Junior *Dyanna Hamstra* said, "I loved showing the other schools that the Lady Cougars can play tennis. We really made a name for ourselves." Girls ended their season with a record of 16 wins and 2 losses. They also defeated Lowell for the first time in many years and won the first round of sectionals.

Awards were given to *Heather Zylstra*-Varsity Most Valuable Player, *Amanda Schaper*-Varsity Most Improved Player, *Dyanna Hamstra*-Varsity Sportsmanship, *Lindsey Reed*-Varsity Rookie of the Year. Junior Varsity Awards went to *Laura VanderLugt*-Most Valuable Player, *Brittany Scott*-Most Improved Player and *Lauren Laski*-Sportsmanship award.



Standing in line after receiving their trophy Junior *Dyanna Hamstra* and Senior *Heather Zylstra* join teammates who are waiting for their medals.

Front Row: Michael Torbitt, David Fischer, Matthew Patton, Daniel Beedle. Row 2: Matthew Hamstra, Jeremy Kunzman, Matthew Jurs, Daniel Lewallen, Joshua Wierzba, Derek Kunzman, Mark Terborg. Back Row: Michael Terborg, Scott Osborn, Calvin Hamstra, Steven DeVries, Bertil Valenkampf, and Coach Dan Roberts.



3 *Calvin Hamstra*

4 *Keely Woods*

5 *Matthew Jurs*



Girls' and Boys' tennis

**Girls:** KV 3-South Bend Adams 2 W, KV 4-Calumet 1 W, KV 4-Whiting 1 W, KV 4-Bremen 1 W  
KV 4-Boone Grove 1 W, KV 4-Lowell 1 W KV Invite: KV 21-Boone Grove 29-Wheeler 26-Griffith 9 L

As she prepares to serve the ball, Junior *Michelle Schurman* sets her eyes on her target. Schurman was one of the key players who helped the team reach new heights.

Senior *Amanda Schaper* and Junior *Lindsey Reed* accept their award as a doubles team from the Knox Invite. *Schaper* and *Reed* ended their season with a 13-3 and a 12-3 record.

By  
Ashlee  
Matson  
and  
Elizabeth  
Moran



Front Row: Heather Zylstra, Dyanna Hamstra. Row 2: Rojelly Almira, Amanda Jackson, Amanda Thompson, Lindsey Reed, Abigayle Sandonato, Shannon Abrell, Stephanie Talarak. Back Row: Manager Joshua Wierza, Laura VanderLugt, Hannah Birk, Michelle Schurman, Ashley Liston, Amanda Schaper, Brittany Scott, Keely Woods, Stephanie Kikkert, Jennifer Bennett, Coach Scott Garrison.

**Boys:** KV 0-Highland 5 L, KV 4-Griffith 1 W, KV 5-Hammond Clark 0 W, KV 5-Morton 0 W, KV 5-Hammond High 0 W  
KV Invite: KV 31-MC Marquette 29-Wheeler 18-Calumet 7 W

# Boys Basketball

Even though the boys varsity basketball team had a rocky season, they ended with a record of seven wins and fourteen losses. Junior **Bertil Valenkamph** said, "Our season wasn't all that bad. It strengthened all of us. We worked our hardest to do what we had to do. You miss 100 percent of the shots that you don't take in a game."

Winning is not everything to athletes. To be in a sport means having a good mental attitude and always keeping your head in the game. Senior **Jordan Bonesteel** said, "Even though we didn't have a winning season, we all tried our best. We tried every day to keep our heads in the games and practices."

Members of the team worked hard and pushed themselves to do the best they could. Junior **Joseph Peretin** said, "I felt that this season was a little bit of a disappointment. I think that we could have had a fantastic year, but we fell a little short."

KV had a tough game against Gary Wirt. Coach **Tom Black** said, "After a rocky beginning, many of our players were starting to come together as a team. We played well throughout the contest, not great but well, controlling the tempo and keeping their offensive output to a minimum. The last few possessions were crucial. We made our free throws, maintaining enough of a lead to withstand their late run. **Matthew Jurs**' huge defensive play taking a charge as time expired, allowed us to escape the victory against a talented athletic Gary team. I was proud of our effort and obvious improvement up to that point in the season. It definitely was and is a high point for the teams."

Awards for the Varsity team were Varsity Desire Award and the Varsity Blue Collar Man-  
**Calvin Hamstra** and Varsity Chairman of the Boards-**Justin Dekock**.



**Joseph Peretin**



**Jordan Bonesteel**



**Bertil Valenkamph**



**4 Matthew Jurs**

**5 Calvin Hamstra**

**6 Daniel Lewallen**



KV 56-Gary Wirt 54 W, KV 66-Gary West Side 76 L, KV 72-Kouts 77 L, KV 49-Andrean 77 L



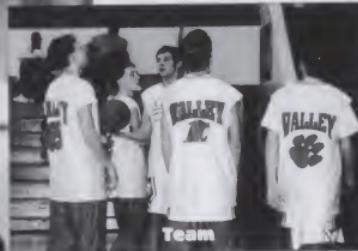
Boys Varsity Basketball

KV 58-Rensselaer 75 L, KV 50-Highland 62 L, KV 57-Bishop Noll 72 L,

KV 43-North Judson 32 W, KV 66-Hebron 75 L, KV 56-Hammond 69 L, KV 70-Lake Station 56 W, KV 54-Hunster 80 L

On the free throw line, Junior **Justin DeKock** gets in the position to shoot. **DeKock** won the Chairman of the Boards award, which means he had the most rebounds. "I thought it was really cool to get the award. With my teammates helping me box out, I was able to grab those rebounds," he said.

Front Row: Mychael King, Michael Torbitt, Kyle Jansma, Eric VanKley, Joseph Peretin, Jordan Bonesteel. Back Row: Dustin Wartman, Nelson Wilder, Calvin Hamstra, Justin DeKock, Bertil ValenKamph, Kristopher Baccino, Matthew Jurs.



Before the game, the team gets together and practices shooting around. Senior **Dustin Wartman** said, "Practicing before a game really helped me get focused for the night."

By  
**Amber Cooper**

KV 58-Griffith 63 L, KV 68-Calumet 54 W, KV 68-Hammond Gavit 58 W

JV: KV 34-Bensenville 45 L, KV 38-Highland 46 L, KV 41-Bishop McNamara 55 L, KV 37-Lake Station 35 W  
Freshman A Team: KV 44-Kouts 47 L, KV 36-Gary Wirt 55 L, KV 31-Crown Point 53 L, KV 31-River Forest 34 W

# Boys Basketball

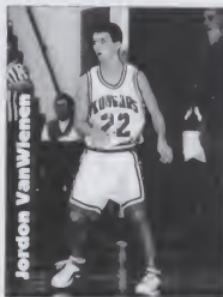
With a record of 6 wins and 14 losses, Junior Varsity boys made use of the court to show off their talent and hard work. No matter what, they were always pushed to do their best by coaches **Jim Happold** and **Jamie Smith**.

A typical day for the JV players consisted of basketball, school, and more basketball. Every day, the team practiced before and after school for at least an hour and a half. Not only did the team play games, but they did some exhausting drills as well. For example, they ran "suicides," where they had to run a certain distance in under 30 seconds. Another drill they used was called the "Notre Dame." For this drill, they had to make a certain amount of baskets or run for the difference.

No matter how tough practices became, players knew their work would all pay off come game time. They also knew the next step up was Varsity. Junior **Michael Torbitt** played for both JV and Varsity. He said, "This year was one of my best experiences because it taught me about respecting my school, learning to trust in the other players, and that a sport is more than the individual. To look back on all the things everyone went through to finish the season, I'd say I would do it all again."

Though the team worked well together, few individuals seemed to stand out more than others. In recognition of his outstanding performance, Sophomore **Jordon VanWienen** received the JV Top Defender Award. Sophomore **Matthew Hamstra** received the JV Top Rebounder Award, and JV Most Improved went to Sophomore **Daniel Mendoza**.

On the Freshman team, Top Rebounder was awarded to **Mark Melton**. Top Defender went to **Frank Bestich**, and **Matthew Oliver** brought it together with the Best Mental Attitude Award. Upon accepting his award, **Oliver** showed that his award was well earned: "Freshman basketball was fun. I was on a team with great guys. We had our moments, but we still respected each other. We also learned, in order to win, we needed to work together. An individual effort wouldn't get the job done." With help and encouragement from Coach **Bertil Valenkamp**, the freshman A team finished the season with 4 wins and 12 losses, and the freshman B team ended with 2 wins and 5 losses.



Jordon VanWienen



Matthew Hamstra



4 Michael Torbitt, Daniel Mendoza, Kyle Jansma  
5 Joshua Cambe  
6 Daniel Mendoza



KV 33-Gary Westside 52 L, KV 41-Gary Wirt 34 W, KV 62-North Newton 28 W, KV 33-Boone Grove 47 L  
KV 29-Valparaiso 48 L, KV 32-North Judson 64 L Freshman B Team: KV 31-Wirt 37 W, KV 31-Crown Point 57 L



Boys JV/Fresh Basketball

KV 25-North Judson 37 L, KV 42-Hebron 45 L, KV 43-Hammond High 61 L, KV 45-Lake Station 33 W  
KV 36-Covenant Christian 52 L, KV 31-Lowell 46 L, KV 27-Hobart 47 L, KV 30-Knox 36 L

KV 24-Munster 67 L, KV 43-Hammond Gavit 31 W, KV 33-Calumet 40 L, KV 34-Griffith 47, KV 30-Andrean 49 L, KV 41-Kouts 40 W  
KV 38-Winnipeg 34 W, KV 49-Calumet 43 W, KV 36-Rensselaer 39 L, KV 43-Manhattan Central 39 W

Checking the ball at one of the last games of the season, Sophomore Nicholas Miranda keeps the ball in his hands and his head in the game. He commented, "Basketball is a very demanding sport. It's the most fun sport, too. It helps you make quick decisions on the run, which will be useful in the future."

Front Row: Joshua Gambe, Jordon VanWielen. Back Row: Nicholas Miranda, Troy Jackson, Adam McDaniel, Matthew Hamstra, Daniel Mendoza.



Front Row: Daniel Bredle, Matthew Oliver, Adam Garlin, Dean Tillema, Scott Wilder, Jamie Gillette. Back Row: Joshua Garrison, Andrew McKee, Jacob Fernandez, Daniel Lewallen, Frank Bestich, Mark Melton.

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KV 35-Morgan Township 45 L  
KV 43-Lowell 41 W, KV 40-Hobart 42 L, KV 37-Calumet 68 L, KV 25-Valparaiso 40 L, KV 40-Chesterton 56 L

# Girls Varsity B-ball

KV 47-Lowell 50 L, KV 39-Hobart 67 L, KV 20-Highland 45 L, KV 50-River Forest 27 W, KV 38-Munster 49 L

What does the word "perfection" mean in terms of basketball? Many people believe perfection means not losing any games, making it to state, and becoming champions. In the dictionary, "perfection" means "the quality or state of being perfect; flawlessness; completeness; maturity and saintliness." For the girls varsity basketball team, "perfection" meant having a team that got along well and having a wonderful time together. Senior *Rebecca Goetz* remembered her senior year as her most memorable. "Although we didn't have a winning record this year, that really didn't matter to me because everybody came together in the end and gave it all they had. That's what is the most important."

Did the varsity team have the "perfect" season? That depends on how you looked at it. The girls basketball team created their own definition of perfection. The team went 7-16 in the new Lake Athletic Conference. Of the season, Junior *Taryn Porter* remembered the Calumet game the most. "It was a great feeling beating them but not so much when the girl rolled (fell) on me. Some memories can never be forgotten."

When the season came to an end, everyone looked back and remembered the good times and the bad times. "Treat every game like it's your last, so when you look back you don't regret anything," Junior *Cassandra Pollard* said about her three years on the basketball team.

Awards for the season were Team Captain: *Michelle Schurman*, Best Free Throw Percentage: *Megan Passaloukos* (82%), Most Improved: *Emma Cunningham*, Best Field Goal Percentage: *Taryn Porter* (41%), Most Rebounds: *Michelle Schurman* and *Taryn Porter* (134), Mental Attitude: *Michelle Berg*, and Miss Defense: *Jennifer Allen*.



**Emma Cunningham**



**Taryn Porter**  
**Mirsten Fifield**



**3 Lindsay Peo**

**4 Team Meeting**

**5 Jennifer Allen**



KV 31-Crown Point 62 L, KV 44-Morgan Township 32 W, KV 42-Boone Grove 64 L

KV 36-Andrean 49 L, KV 35-Griffith 50 L, KV 33-North Judson 60 L,



In the game against Hobart Sophomore Cassandra Coffer shoots the three. "Basketball was a lot of work but a lot of fun, and in the end, it all paid off," Cassandra said about the season. This was Cassandra's second year on the varsity team, and she said she enjoyed every second of it.

Front Row: Amanda Mendoza, Kirsten Eifield, Emma Cunningham, Cassandra Coffer. Row 2: Michelle Berg, Megan Passaloukos, Ashlee Matson, Cassandra Pollard, Jamie Anderson. Manager Lori Kappeler. Back Row: Assistant Varsity Coach Ryan Armstrong, Freshman Coach Mike Sampson, JV Coach Rick Cunningham, Taryn Porter, Rebecca Goetz, Michelle Schurman, Lindsay Peo, Jennifer Allen, Volunteer Coach Jim Woods, Varsity Head Coach John Gray.



By  
Ashlee  
Matson

KV 43-Bishop Noll 44 L, KV 63-Gavit 30 W, KV 50-Calumet 42 W,

KV 36-North Newton 48 L, KV 48-Manover Central 49 L, KV 47-Benton Central 38 W, KV 51-Pensselaer 55 L,

# Girls JV/Freshman Basketball

Working together, the Junior Varsity and Freshman girls' basketball teams entered a new conference and tried to win using hard work and stamina. Junior Cassandra Pollard said, "Being a Junior playing Junior Varsity gave me a great experience to really show my leadership skills."

During their first year in the Lake Athletic Conference, the rough schedule led the JV team to a record of nine wins and eleven losses. Junior **Jamie Anderson** said, "I enjoyed our basketball season this year, because everyone stuck together even when times got rough. We could have done a lot better, but I am proud that we came together as a team and won some of our games. It was a great learning experience."

Though the team didn't have a winning record, the players grew as a team. Freshman **Olivia Ortiz** said, "This was a great year for us because our team got to know each other, and it was a great experience to meet new people."

JV Coach **Rick Cunningham** was also pleased with the way the girls played. Cunningham said, "At the start of the season, the girls were a little scared to play, but by the end of the season, the girls seemed to be more comfortable playing."

Under the direction of Coach **Mike Sampson** and Coach **Jim Woods**, the freshmen ended just below 500 with a record of 7-8. No one will forget the mix up with the uniforms when the girls were issued male uniforms. After a talk with the sports representative, Varsity Coach **John Gray** reissued the correct size and type of uniforms to the girls.

Freshman awards for this season were Best Free Throw Percentage- **Olivia Ortiz**, Most Rebounds- **Stevie Alexander**, Most Improved- **Angela Donis**, and Mental Attitude- **Brittany Scott**.

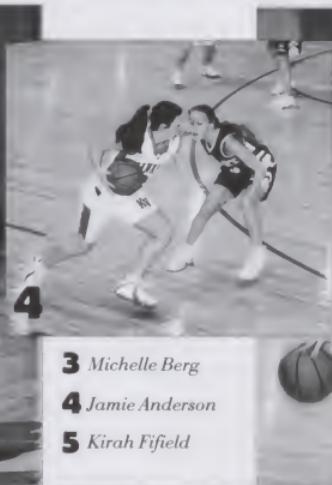
For the Junior Varsity Girls Basketball team, **Rachel Kikkert** pulled down Most Rebounds with 96 and Most Improved. **C.J. Pollard** earned the Mental Attitude Award. Final accolades went to **Michelle Berg** who zeroed in on the Best Free Throw Percentage with 91% and Miss Defense.



**Jennifer Kurowsky**



**Keely Woods,  
Brittany Niemiec**



**3 Michelle Berg**

**4 Jamie Anderson**

**5 Kirah Fifield**



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**KV 22-Lowell 28 L, KV 28-River Forest 17 W, KV 23-Munster 29 L**

KV 23-Highland 19 W,

KV 24-Andrean 40 L,

KV 34-Gavit 13 W.

KV 36-Caument 31 W.

KV 35-North Judson 29 W.

KV 19-Hobart 25 L.

During the Hobart game, Freshman *Angela Donis* receives the ball in the post. *Donis* said, "Basketball is a great experience, and I can't wait for the years to come. The coaches are great, and it's a lot different than when I played for the middle school. The coaches force me to try my best."

Front Row: Allison Plopper, Jennifer Kurowsky. Row 2: Amanda Mendoza, Coach Jim Woods, Coach Rick Cunningham, Lauren Laski. Back Row: Michelle Berg, Rachel Kikkert, Cassandra Pollard, Ashlee Matson, Jamie Anderson.



Front Row: Kirah Fifield, Melissa Hasch; Row 2: Brittany Niemiec, Olivia Ortiz, Keely Woods; Back Row: Coach Jim Woods, Jacquelynne Scheidt, Stevie Alexander, Angela Donis, Lindsey Shea, Brittany Scott, Coach Mike Sampson.

By  
*Daine Willis*



KV 40-North Newton 26 W,

KV 24-Hanover Central 31 L,

KV 25-Rensselaer 37 L

# Cheerleading

Participating in pep sessions and athletic activities, cheerleaders kept the Cougar spirit alive. Though practices were sometimes strenuous and memorizing numerous cheers was often a pain, cheerleaders still continued to pump up the energy.

When the team got together, you couldn't help but notice the spirited shouts and a group full of smiles and laughter. However, things weren't all fun and games. The squad practiced four days a week to keep themselves well prepared for games, competitions, and camps.

The team hired IUPUI's cheerleading squad to come to KV and teach them new stunts for competitions. Regarding the extra help, Junior *Janelle Kondos* said, "It gave us new ideas and a goal to achieve."

First year high school level coach *Janet Wireman* also helped the squad along. She had coached for Pop Warner but had no problem adjusting to the higher level squad.

No matter how hard the team worked throughout the year, cheerleaders always knew it would pay off and continued to keep their hopes up. Sophomore *Caitlin Sittema* said, "My first year on Varsity was so much fun! All the girls were awesome, and we had such a good time. I learned a lot of new things. I love it, and I'm really looking forward to next year."

The 18 member Varsity squad was led by seven seniors. When the coach was unavailable and outside help was not an option, the upperclassmen were more than happy to take the lead. Having team members work together and help one another, not only taught the squad the value of teamwork but served as building blocks for bringing everyone's individuality together to form a strong and unique squad. Junior *Amber Cunningham* added, "It didn't take long for anyone to notice that a lot of hard work, time, and dedication goes into cheerleading. I realized it was a great way to contribute to the school's spirit while having fun at the same time. All the girls are so sweet, and they each brought their own uniqueness to the team." Cheerleaders encouraged the crowd at all home basketball and football games.

## GATE 3



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3 *Amanda Evans*  
4 *Briarne Kingma, Josh Wierzba, Chris Walstra, Justyne Kondos*  
5 *Brittany Luketic*



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**GO--FIGHT--WIN** Our Cougar team will fight, fight, fight And be true to the red and white

We are behind you all the way. Striving for honor and integrity



As the Varsity Boys Basketball team takes a break from the game, Seniors Justyne Kondos and Joshua Wierzba jump for the opportunity to hype up the crowd. Valley games were always exciting, and cheerleaders kept fans screaming through good times and bad.

By  
Kammi  
Luyon

Front Row: Megan Bierma, Justyne Kondos  
Row 2: Jennifer Nannenga, Brittany Luketic, Amanda Evans, Caitlin Sitema, Janelle Kondos, Megan Clarich Back Row: Seth Kuiper, Shawn Kuiper, Joshua Wierzba, Erik Bakrevski, Thomas Lesczynski, Christopher Walstra, Mark Nikolas



Varsity



Front Row: Melanie Klunder and Chrissie Sullivan Back Row: Amber Cunningham, Ashlee Bonestee, Ashley Tronjo

Awards

Varsity Most Improved: Brittany Luketic  
Varsity Most Spirited: Megan Clarich  
Varsity Miss Kougar: Megan Bierma  
Most Improved Lifter: Justine Kondos  
Most Spirited Lifter: Joshua Wierzba  
Most Improved Lifter: David Fischer  
JV Most Spirited: Ashley Bonestee  
JV Most Improved: Chrissie Sullivan  
Freshman Most Improved: Nicole Pilachowski  
Freshman Most Spirited: Samantha Medina

GO--FIGHT--WIN GO--FIGHT--WIN GO--FIGHT--WIN GO--FIGHT--WIN GO--FIGHT--WIN

Loyal and faithful we will always be. Our Kougar team will fight, fight, fight And be true to the Red and White

# Swimming

Highlighted by great victories for both the girls and boys, the swim season was a particularly memorable one. Senior *Kevin Lewis* broke the school record in the 50 yard free style with a time of 22.82 seconds at a Lowell meet. Lewis was also named Swimmer of the Meet at the Hobart Winterfest Invitational. *Coach Roberts* was very proud of Lewis. "I was very excited that he broke the record of a former KV swimmer whom I coached," said Roberts.

"We had a very good season for such a small team," said Roberts. The boys ended their season with a 6-3 record. Boys team had a rare occurrence in their records when they defeated Harrison High School for only the second time in school history with a score of 78-75. Boys took third place at Rensselaer Relays. They also made history by beating Merrillville for the first time ever.

Girls swim team also had a very good season. During the LAC Conference meet, the ladies took eighth place against the 12 teams competing. Sophomore *Brittanie Chevette* broke her own record in the Individual Medley. Girls stole away first place at the Griffith Invite. One of three team captains, four year swimmer, *Whitney Prochno*, reflected on the season. "This has been an awesome year, despite the 60 degree water for the first couple of weeks. We did really well up against a lot of tough competition. I've made so many great memories for these last four years."

A newcomer to the team, Freshman *Michelle Moran*, said, "The big LAC meet was so much fun. I really had a great time, the Seniors were great, and they really made my freshman year enjoyable."

Awards for the girls swim season were Co-Most Valuable Swimmers-*Brittanie Chevette* and *Taylor Clifford*. Most Improved-*Anne Janorich*, and Freshman of the Year-*Elizabeth Studer*. Team Captains were *Kristin Yenches*, *Whitney Prochno*, and *Amanda Schaper*. Boys Swimming Awards were given to Team Captain *Kevin Lewis*, who was also given the Most Valuable Swimmer award, and Captain *Matthew Donis*. Rookie of the Year was given to Freshman *Nathan Jackson*. Most Valuable Diver was given to *Nathan Shultz*, and Most Dedicated was *William Whited*.



**Blaine Gross**



**Amanda Schaper**



**KV 87- Hobart 93 L, KV 87-Rensselaer 113 L, KV 127-North Newton 54 W, KV 60-Lowell 109 L, KV 135-South Newton 49 W**

KV 74-Lowell 112 L.

KV 105-South Newton 48 W.

Hobart Winterfest 3rd out of six

Sectional-Tied for 6th



Boy's Scores:

KV 105- Calumet 35 W,

KV 78-Harrison 75 W,

KV 65-Knox 89 L,

Kicking with all her might,  
Sophomore Brittanie  
Chevrette swims the second  
50 of the 200 IM. Brittanie  
broke the 200 IM record as  
a freshman and did it again  
as a sophomore.

**By:**  
**Elizabeth**  
**Moran**

Front Row: Managers Tiffany Philpot, Michelle Anderson, Coach Dan Roberts. Row 2: William VanderWoude, Christian Zielke. Row 3: Casey Boyer. Row 4: Mikhail Baker, Cody Whited. Row 5: Nathan Jackson, Nathan Shultz. Row 6: Kevin Lewis, Matthew Donis. Row 7: Shane Boyer, Daniel Kwasniewski. Back Row: Trent Wilson.

L.A.C. Meet-5th out of 11 teams

KV Invite-3rd out of 11 teams

KV 84-Merrillville 83 W.

KV 80-Benton Central 62 W.



Front row: Brittanie Chevrette, Taylor Clifford, Whitney Prochno, Kelly Foley, Amanda Schaper, Kristin Yenches, Elizabeth Kreischer, Aleasha Wall. Row 2: Lindsey Beeching, Sara Boer, Ashley Vankley, Christina Miles, Emily Penninga, Maile Kock, Elizabeth Moran, Katherine Misiak. Row 3: Mary K. Frederich, Jeni Meyer, Elizabeth Studer, Morgan Vankley, Michelle Moran, Melanie Daniels, Anne Janavich, Anastasia Wagner. Back Row: Coach Kevin Stephens, Managers Carrie Barrera and Carielle Baumgartner.

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Lake Central Tourn. 5th, KV 44-Rensselaer 27 W, KV 46- West Central 19 W,

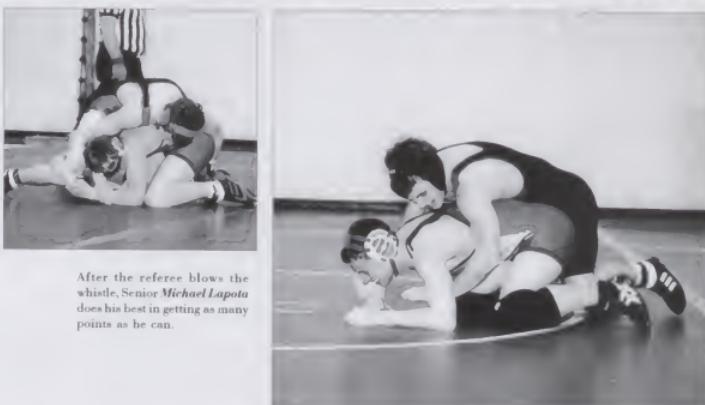
Sectionals 3rd, Hobart Tourn 4th, L.A.C. Tourn 6th, Logansport Tourn 4th, Merrillville Tourn. 7th,



Down on the mat, Senior *Randy Iwanor* shoots and ducks to get on top of a Twin Lakes wrestler. "Wrestling is a sport that requires both mental and physical conditioning, and Walter [Prachna] knew what it takes to succeed," said Randy.

On the start of the clock, Sophomore *Cale Patrick* grapples his opponent. "I think we did well as a team. We worked hard all season, even if we ran a lot and did countless push-ups. I had fun, and the hard work paid off," he said.

At the home meet, Senior *Caleb Hice* goes for the cradle against his Twin Lakes opponent. "This season I dropped a lot of weight, but it was all worth it in the end. I am going to miss it," he said.



After the referee blows the whistle, Senior *Michael Lapota* does his best in getting as many points as he can.

By:  
Amber  
Cooper

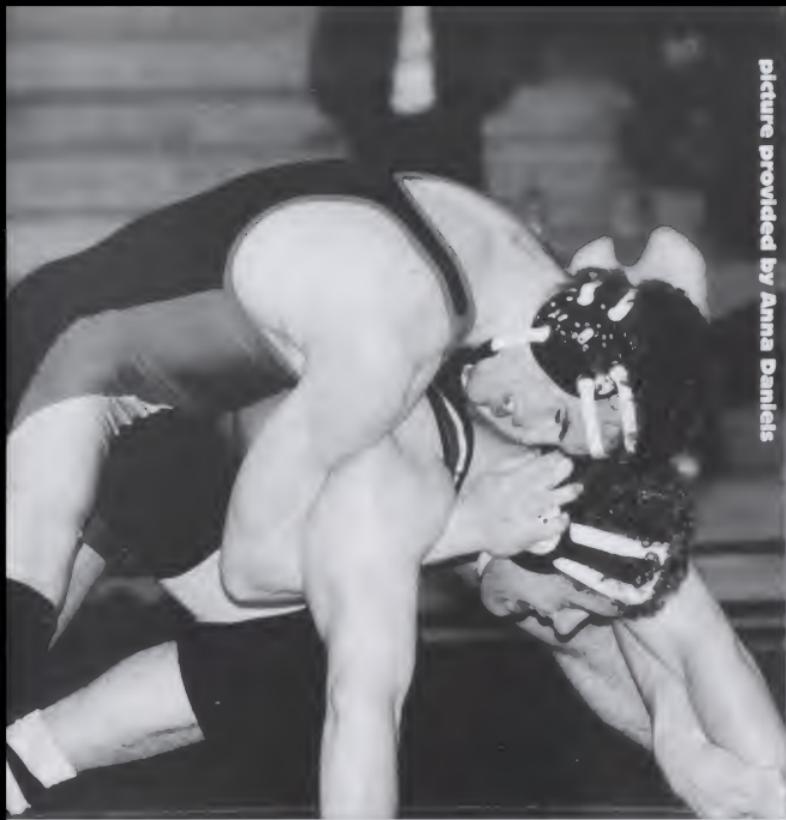
Crown Point Duals: KV 33-Twin Lakes 47 L, KV 6-Portage 68 L, KV 13-Crown Point 52 L,



Wrestling

# Wrestling

picture provided by Anna Daniels



Front Row: Adam Bowman, Wesley Clifton, Timothy Cusack, Ryan Strandberg, Patrick Cusack, Edmund Kennedy, Tyler Richie, Jeff Whitlock. Row 2: Timothy Mandeville, Brandon Phillips, Patrick Prochno, Jason Zavala, Sean Patrick, Ryan Snelitzer, Cole Patrick, Jeremy Jackson. Back Row: Coach Scott Garrison, Caleb Rice, Michael Lapota, Randy Ivanov, Victor DiTola, Nicholas Landry, Logan Sessions, Dominic Willis, Zachary Sessions, Troy Colbert, and Coach Walt Prochno.

Despite long hours of hard practices and long days at invites, the wrestlers ended with a memorable 8-4 season. Both the team and individual wrestlers achieved great success on the wrestling mats.

Junior *Dominic Willis* made it all the way to State in Indianapolis, on February 21. *Willis* said, "State ain't no Mickey Mouse baby junk. I'll never forget my experience at state. It was surreal." *Willis* placed sixth after being pinned by a Senior from Boone Grove. *Willis* said the most important thing to remember is never to quit.

*Willis'* mother, *Mrs. Anna Daniels*, said, "Dominic has worked hard to reach this goal, and we are so excited and proud of him. Once he sets his mind to do something, there's no stopping him. That's why they call him the *Dominator*.

We can't wait until next year's season!"

Another wrestling standout was Senior *Michael Lapota*, who was named Academic All-State First Team. He represented the entire state in the 160 pound weight class. *Lapota* said, "Making Academic All-State first team is a great achievement. I feel very honored to have been selected, especially since it's state-wide, even though I was the only one in my weight class."

Ironman awards were won by *Logan Sessions*, *Zachary Sessions*, *Tim Mandeville*, *Wes Clifton*, *Tim Cusack*. Plaques were earned by *Caleb Rice*-Most Improved, *Tim Cusack*-Rookie of the Year, *Patrick Prochno*-Most Dedicated, *Dominic Willis*-Most Valuable Wrestler, *Randy Ivanov*-Academic Award, *Patrick Prochno*-Moral Attitude, and *Randy Ivanov* and *Mike Lapota*-Team Captains.

By:  
Amber  
Cooper

# Boys' Baseball

Out of the first eight games the Varsity Boys' Baseball team had a record of 8-0. All together their record was 19 wins and 14 losses. Senior **Johnathon Cusack** said, "Pitching is my number one priority. I practice long and hard for everything I do." Coach **Doug Greenlee** is a great leader and mentor."

Practices consisted of two and a half hours Monday thru Friday. If they had a bad game the night before, they had practice before school and ran for an hour and a half.

People hitting home runs included Freshman **Matthew Dobin**. Juniors **Zachary Prairie**, **Jeremy Kunzman**, and Seniors **Kellen Patrick** and **Jon Estill**. **Patrick** said, "When I hit a home run my heart just races really fast, but I love that feeling. There is nothing better."

Spring awards: Mental Attitude-Junior **Kyle Jansma** and Senior **Kellen Patrick**. Most RBI's-Freshman **Matthew Dobin**, **Gentry Brown**, **Jeremy Kunzman**, and **Zachary Prairie**. Highest Batting Average-**Matthew Dobin**. Most Home Runs-Zachary **Prairie** and **Jeremy Kunzman**. Lowest ERA-**Gentry Brown**. Most Pitching Wins-**Shane Byers**. Most Stolen Bases-**Troy Jackson**. Highest On Base Percentage-**Jeremy Kunzman**. "Vuko" Award-**Johnathon Cusack**.

Boy's JV Awards, Highest Batting Average and Most RBI's-**Cory Bifoss**. Lowest ERA-**Todd Hepworth**. Most Runs Scored-**Mark Nikolas** and **Joshua Cambe**.

Boy's Freshman Awards, Best Mental Attitude-**Corey Morse**, Best Batting Average-**Wesley Clifton**, and Pitching Award-**Darrin DeBold**.

Junior **Shane Byers** said, "We as a team had one goal, to beat Andrean in the Sectional championship. That has been in our minds since the first day of the season." They never ended up beating the 59'er's. In the sectional game the score was 6-0.



**Shane Byers**



**Jeremy Kunzman**



**Gentry Brown**



**4** *Justin Garrison and  
Shane Byers*

**5** *Troy Jackson*

**6** *Scott Osborn*

**KV 18-Gary Roosevelt 8 W, KV 14-Gary Roosevelt 0 W, KV 8-Boone Grove 0 W,  
KV 11-Hammond Morton 1 W, KV 1-Bishop Noll 6 L,**

**KV 14-Hebron 0 W, KV 8-Kouts 3 W, KV 5-Crown Point 4 W, KV 6-Lowell 4 W, KV 4-Griffith 2 W, KV 3-Highland 5 L,**

**KV 13-Wheeler 3 W, KV 1-Hammond Clark 5 L,**

Front Row: Justin Garrison, Kyle Jansma, Jordan Van Wielen, Jon Estill Row 2: Joseph Peretti, Cory Bifoss, Matthew Dohin, Troy Jackson, Kellen Patrick, Zachary Prairie Back Row: Coach Doug Greenlee, Johnathon Cusack, Jeremy Kunzman, Shane Byers, Matthew Lane, Scott Osborn, Todd Hepworth, Gentry Brown, and Coach Rick Cunningham



Front Row: Michael Trobitt, Joshua Cambe, Cole Patrick, Nicholas Miranda, Derek Kunzman, Mark Nikolas Back Row: Sean Nannenga, Brian Winter, Kevin Zuchowski, Benjamin Stein, Matthew Reichert, Daniel Mendoza, Patrick Prochno, and Coach Ryan Armstrong



Front Row: Thomas Cooley, Daniel Schmidt, Cory Morse, Cody Jansma, Donald Tilley Row 2: Kevin O'Neal, Christopher Mestrovich, Timothy Cusack, Matthew Oliver, Adam Garling, Jacob Fernandez Back Row: Andrew McKee, Dustin Wilson, Wesley Clifton, Steven Hatch, and Joshua Garrison

**KV 4-Bishop Noll 3 W, KV 4-Andrean 16 L, KV 1-Munster 18 L, KV 8-Hobart 9 L,  
KV 10-West Central 9 W, KV 10-South Newton 5 W,**

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# Softball Team

As the school year came to an end, the Spring sports seasons wound up action. The softball team closed the regular season out against Rensselaer on May 22.

The girls played a rough season in the LAC against teams like Andean, Lowell, Michigan City and Portage. Although they've played these schools before, one change was that they were playing for a LAC Black Title. Sophomore **Allison Plopper** said, "I had so much fun, and I got to play a lot of different positions. I had fun playing them all throughout the season," added **Plopper** who was in her second year of softball action under the new field lights.

The girls showed a lot of their competitive sides when playing the hardest teams. Although they also played very good defense in all of their games, they had some trouble hitting the ball when it came down to the time. The best game that Senior **Megan Kwasniewski** remembered was Andean. "I think the best game was against Andean because we held them at 1-0 and even though we lost, we played awesome defense!"

In the first round of Sectionals the Cougars beat Gary Roosevelt 29-0. They lost in round two.

Spring Awards for Varsity included Best Batting Average and Most Hits **Allison Plopper**, Most Sacrifices-**Michelle Berg**, Most Extra Base Hits and Most Stolen Bases-**Brooke Owens**, and Golden Glove Awards-**Jennifer Allen** and **Megan Kwasniewski**.

Spring Awards for Junior Varsity included Most Improved-**Amber Gooden**, Golden Gloves-**Angela Donis** and **Stephanie Boling**, Positive Attitude-**Ashley Zavala**, and Most Hits-**Olivia Ortiz**.

Home games were played behind the Intermediate School under the direction of veteran coaches **Brian Flynn** and **Mike Hart**, and rookie coach **Mike Woods**.



Front Row: Kara Prentiss, Angela Donis, Crystal Flores, Jacqueline Scheidt  
Row 2: Olivia Ortiz, Brittany Niemic, Ashley Zavala, Crystal Herendeen, Amber Gooden Back Row  
Coach Patricia Peo, Tiffany Livengood, Stephanie Boling, Jodi Williamson, Brandy McCarthy, Ashley Tronjo, Jodi Anderson, Ashley Cooper, Coach Mike Peo



**3** Megan Kwasniewski

**4** Brittany Birchett

**5** Kathryn Huhn



On one of their very last season games, Junior Nicole Disney, the only left handed player, lays down a good bunt. "I enjoyed being in softball this year. We had a great team and everyone got along really well. Plus the seniors were a blast to be with," Nicole said.

**Michelle Berg**



Front Row: Brittany Birchett, Megan Kwasniewski, Brooke Owens, Jennifer Allen, Nicole Disney. Back Row: Coach Mike Woods, Head Coach Brian Flynn, Alison Poppler, Ashlee Matson, Kathryn Huhn, Michelle Berg, Amanda Mendoza, Meagan Clarich, Coach Mike Hart, Bookeeper Marilyn Hart

By  
Ashlee  
Matson

# Girls' Track

Season ended with a final record of 13-1. "It was one of the best seasons we have had in years," said Coach Adams.

The team consisted of freshmen who did the team well including Freshman *Kirah Fifield* who advanced to Regionals in the 100meter dash, 200 meter dash and the #400 relay. *Kirah* said, "I'm looking forward to next season. I learned a lot from the seniors, and they taught me more than I thought they would."

Senior *Whitney Prochno* said, "Track has been awesome for me for the past four years! I've always had so many friends on my team, and we had an especially great year! I'm going to miss the competing and even the practicing. I've had so many great memories thanks to my teammates, coaches and my family! Thanks guys."

Injury sidelined Junior Cassandra Poisel who was injured in the long jump sand pit where Poisel twisted her knee. During her hiatus on crutches, Poisel stood watchful guard over the other jumpers at future meets. She also continued to lift weights and workout in preparation for the next season. This type of dedication was also shown by Junior Kirsten Fifield who topped off her three sport year with track. She said, "Our team worked really hard, and we enjoyed being with our teammates including little sisters like mine."

Junior *Aleesha Wall* said, "Track was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed making it to Regionals. I am also very happy with the girls on the team, they are like sisters I've never had."

Awards consisted of the Most Points-Distance-*Jamie Vandermolen*, Most Points-Hurdles-*Alana Williams*, Most Points-Jumps- *Tiana Jungels*, Most Points-Middle Distance- *Clarissa Bonilla*, Most Points-Throws- *Jessi Jungels*, Most Improved- *Stephanie Poisel*, Rookie of the Year- *Kirah Fifield*, Captains were *Whitney Prochno*, *Tiana Jungels*, and *Maire Gurevitz*.



4 *Kirsten Fifield*

5 *Megan Odle*

6 *Whitney Prochno & Aleesha Wall*

Running with all her might on the last 100 meter sprint, Freshman Kirah Fifield finishes first at the Kankakee Valley Conference. Fifield went on to Sectionals and Regionals. "Banana Relays were a blast and going to Regionals was an awesome experience."



### Girls' Track

Front Row: Carielle Baumgarte, Whitney Prochno, Christine Miles, Kirsten Fifield, Candice Abell, Aleesha Wall, Kelsey Nannenga, Megan Odle. Row 2: Taylor Clifford, Jamie Vandermolen, Alana Williams, Bethany Clark, Stephannie Poisel, Miranda Green, Ashley Vankley. Row 3: Emily Penninga(mgr), Brooke Davis, Carrie Barerra, Tiana Jungles, Becky Goetz, Katie Nuss, Maire Gurevit. Back Row: Mr. Tim Adams, Jessi Jungels, Mandy Koster, Elizabeth Studer, Katherine Hubbleing, Michelle Anderson, Cassandra Pollard, Jessie Thys, Cassandra Poisel, Mr. Lane Lewallen.



Jumping over the last set of the 300 hurdles, Sophomore Alana Williams sprints down the track to finish in first place. Williams was one of the best hurdlers on the girls' team.

By:  
Daine  
Willis

# Boys' Track

By:  
Kammi  
Luyon

They took their mark... They got set... and when the time came to go, they went. Boys track team dominated the season with 9 wins and 4 losses, as well as taking second place at the Twin Lakes and Rensselaer Relays. The team competed against seven other teams at Twin Lakes and six teams at Rensselaer. They placed fifth out of 15 teams at the LAC meet, and took third of twelve at Sectionals.

However, before the team even thought of competing against others, they did some serious weight training in addition to their running drills. For two hours every day after school, the boys pushed themselves to the max as a lack of effort wouldn't fly well with veteran coaches Walt Prochno and Dan Roberts, who combined their skills of over 50 years of coaching knowledge.

When track season was not in session, the boys were strongly encouraged to keep themselves active in other sports to stay in shape and be ready to compete. Even the team had to admit that it really paid off, and it wasn't all that bad. Senior *Devin Dorn* agreed, "Track was a lot of fun. We improved quite a bit over last year because of added numbers, and we were just better!"

*Dorn*, along with Seniors *Robert Jabaay* and *Samuel Kent*, had the pleasure of ending his high school career as a captain of the track team. Each of them received a 5" X 7" plaque as a token of gratitude from their fellow teammates. As a token of the coaches' appreciation, other individual awards were dispersed as well. Most Versatile Athlete went to Junior *Dominic Willis*. Rookie of the Year was awarded to Freshman *Daniel Lewallen*. Senior *Mikhail Baker* received the Most Valuable Sprinter Award. Captain *Devin Dorn* also received the Academic Award. Captain *Robert Jabaay* was presented the Most Valuable Distance Runner Award, and Captain *Samuel Kent* earned the Most Valuable Thrower Award. Awards were presented on Friday, May 28.



Thomas J. Donato, Samuel Kent, Dean Tillema



Jason Zavala



3 Dominic Willis

4 Robert Jabaay

5 Matthew Donis



Rensselaer Relays: KV 107-Benton Central 116-Rensselaer 81-

KV 81-Twin Lakes 62-S. Newton 16, KV 75-N. Judson 48, KV 85-River Forest 43-Boone Grove 39



Crossing the line for another time around the track Junior Nicholas Landry paces himself for the remainder of his two-mile run. Distance runners saved most of their energy for pulling ahead of other teams near the end of the race.



Dean Tillema



Nelson Wilder

Front Row: Clint Seegers, Mark Melton, Nicholas Landry, Thomas Sandonato, David Fischer, Joseph Barrera, Nicholas Wright, Eric DeKock, Shawn Mikus, Travis McDaniel. Row 2: Jason Zavala, Trent Dorn, Matthew Donis, Robert Jabsay, Mikhail Baker, Franklin Eden, Edmund Kennedy, Timothy Mandeville, Daniel Lewallen, Dustin Wilson, Michael Warner, Dean Tillema. Back Row Coach Walt Prochno, Nathan Schultz, Darren Wiremen, Dominic Willis, Daniel Nordberg, Jeromey Jackson, Devin Dorn, Ryan VanderLugt, Samuel Kent, Adam McDaniel, Coach Dan Roberts.

Andrean 70-S. Newton 20-N. Judson 19-N. Newton 14

Twin Lakes Relays: KV 63-Harrison 67-Benton Central 53-Twin Lakes 51-Winamac 51-DePauw 46-Penssessor 41-N. Newton 0

# Girls'/Boys' Golf

By  
Elizabeth  
Moran

"Girls golf was awesome," said Freshman *Ashley Jonkman*. Junior Varsity player *Samantha Moran* added, "Our team worked very hard. We did pretty well, but it all came with a lot of practice and hard work."

Ladies' season ended with a record of 13-8. Their Conference record was 3-4 in the regular season and 3rd out of 8 in the LAC tourney. In the KV Invite, they compiled a final score of 407, finishing 6th as a team. Ladies swept Hobart and Wheeler in their first match. Coach *Doug Greenlee* was very proud of the girls saying, "We worked hard. This could be the beginning of a very good season." At Sectionals, the girls finished 6th out of 12 teams. "We just came up a little short," said *Greenlee*.

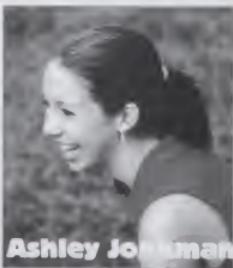
Boys' Golf Season was just as successful. *Carl Veld* called this season "fun" saying, "We had a great time, even though we haven't played up to our potential. We generally get along and have a lot of fun together."

Spring Awards: included Most Valuable Golfer-*Jordon Bonesteel*, Most Improved Golfer-*Carl Veld*, Most Consistent Golfer-*Colin Serocinski*, and Golf Etiquette Award-*Cody Whited*.

On the girls' side, Most valuable Golfer award was given to *Bailee Serocinski*. Other awards were Most Consistent Golfer, *Kelly Foley*. Golf Etiquette award went to *Jill Jamieson*. Rookie of the Year was *Sara Hoffman*, and Most Improved was *Alyssa Demeter*. Coach for the girls' was *Doug Greenlee* and the coach for the boys' was *Tom Black*.



coach and Llogen Serocinski



Ashley Jonkman



3 Michelle Moran

4 James Lewandowski

3 Llogen Serocinski

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KV 198-Calumet 260 L, KV 222-Merrillville 217-Hanover Central 213 W,  
KV 197-Bishop Noll 222 L



Golf

**KV 197-Rensselaer 228 L, KV 183-Hobart 179 W, KV 185-Hammond 229 L, KV 189-Wheeler  
KV 197-North Judson 229-North Newton 247 L,**



Following through on her shot, Senior *Brianne Womac* focuses on her form. Brianne was a four year member of the girls golf team.

Row 1: Bailee Serocinski, Sara Hoffman, Alyssa Demeter, Brianne Womac, Lindsay Peo, Brianne Kingma, Jill Jamieson, Kelly Foley. Row 2: Ashlee Bonesteel, Michelle Moran, Stephaine Poisel, Emily Stein, Erica Greenlee, Jorie Kingma, Morgan VanKley, Coach Doug Greenlee, Cassandra Poisel, Anastasia Christian, Miranda Green, Jordan Bonesteel.



Row 1: Kevin Klemp, Ryan Strandberg, Joshua Hall, Matthew Patton, Daniel Beedle, Michael Staples. Row 2: William Cody Whited, Jason Polomchak, Rick Newton, James Lewandowski, Scott Hoffman, Royce Havens, Cody Seegers, Micheal Terborg. Back Row: Colin Serocinski, Carl Veld, Nick Martin, Mark Terborg, Trevor Karlowsky, Jordan Bonesteel, Llogen Serocinski.

**KV 211-Wheeler 239 L, KV 196-Andrean 243 L, KV 176-Bishop Noll 171 W,  
KV- 201 Lowell-208 Andrean-209, W**

# Is for Clubs

Hello club members,

Though we still went on fieldtrips, attended club dances, and hosted annual events such as spike down, clubs were geared more toward helping others.

Sunshine organized groups of students who baked foods for many activities, such as the Academic Decathlon. They also held a shoe drive to raise new or "decently used" shoes for those in need. Senior Leaders held Freshman Fundamentals Day on Wednesday, August 20, to help Freshmen get acquainted with the school. Pathfinders held a food drive, while Student Council sponsored a blood drive on March 31, and a book drive. All profits, donations, and gifts went to community members in need.

Pioneerz visited the Intermediate school to help students learn about D.A.R.E. and ate lunch with middle school students every Wednesday. Drama performed plays, which provided the community with entertainment. FFA held a fruit sale.

Everything we did in our various clubs, we did as a school, intent on helping our community, and we were as always, TIED WITH PRIDE.

Sincerely,

Courtney and Amanda

*Giving blood for the first time, Senior Kevin Lewis watches the Goonies. The school provided three different movies for the donors to watch as they gave blood. Lewis commented, "I did two good things today, watched the Goonies and saved a life."*



David Plant was very involved in extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, Cougar Krazies, Drama, Band, and Pathfinders. David was the lead in *Cinderella*. He was the prince. In Band, David earned a gold medal at the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble contest in Indianapolis where he played the *Humble Trumpet Concerto*. This was the third consecutive year that David has earned a first at State.

~Junior David Plant~



Clubs Division



**F**oreign Language Club was really cool because we got to eat lots of food, and we went to see a play." ~Freshman Elizabeth Weaver~



**3.** Giving Mrs. Kathy McKinney her club card to go to a club meeting, Freshman Olivia Ortiz waits for Mrs. McKinney to give her permission. On Wednesday during fifth hour, clubs had 20 minutes to have meetings if they needed them.

**6.** In fifth hour speech class, Sophomore Allison Klicek pauses her speech to listen to the announcements on which clubs are meeting that day. Allison was in the middle of her debate about the death penalty.

**9.** Welcoming Sophomore Joshua Gibson to National Honor Society, Junior Michelle Berg hands him the necessary papers and introduces him to the other Honor Society members.

**4.** Discussing the Easter egg hunt for the children of the community, Senior Stephanie Kikkert and Mrs. Pat Price decide that the Easter egg hunt should take place at Field of Dreams on the Saturday before Easter.

**7.** In the auditorium, on Thursday, April 1, Juniors David Fischer and Michael Torbitt watch the National Honor Society induction. Afterwards, cake and beverages were served.

**10.** On September 11, Student Council let off balloons in remembrance of all the victims of 9/11. Senior Zsuzsa Rona, a visitor, and Senior Heather Stone waited until they got the signal to let their balloons go.

**5.** Beginning to decorate the freshman hall the night before the judging, Freshmen Elizabeth Studer and Crystal Herendeen start putting the balloons up. The freshman hall received 3rd place in the competition.

**8.** Before getting her blood taken for the annual blood drive, sponsored by Student Council, Junior Jamie Anderson gives all her information to the doctor.

## *Fabulously Fun Facts!*

\* Kolor guard team purchased brand new uniforms and flags for this season. They had to do several fund-

raisers to reach the goal needed. Girls

performed at two home basketball games during the winter season. \*



**Marching off the field after a performance, the color guard breathed a sigh of relief that the show went off without a hitch. Freshman Michelle Moran said, "After each show we were all so excited that we didn't mess up! We were really hyper after the shows, too!"**

**During a basketball half time show, sophomore Carrie Dickerson concentrates on not dropping her flag. "I was always scared when I went on for a performance that I would drop my flag, and look like I didn't practice."**

*By  
Jessie  
Fuqua*



Waiting to perform during a football half time show. Sophomores, Carri Dickerson and Freshman Erica Greenlee try to get warm. "Sometimes the weather would be so cold and horrible, but we still had fun," said Erica Greenlee.



# Kolor Guard

Kolor Guard seemed to have had a fresh new start. With two new coaches, Mrs. Shelly Greenlee and the Assistant Coach Elaine Dykstra, the girls did fundraisers in order to earn the money needed to purchase new uniforms and flags.

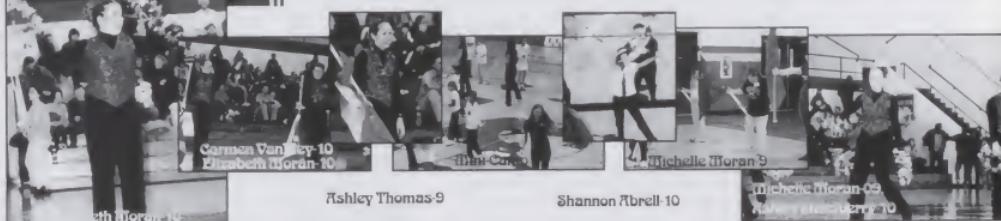
Kolor Guard was one of the many after school activities that had many different kinds of girls that had to come together and work as a team. One member of the team, Sophomore Elizabeth Moran said, "I enjoyed my first season of Kolor Guard, it was a lot fun! We had a great time hanging out and working on our routine."

They had many performances, and they won several awards. The awards they won included, 19th at the State Fair Band Day, 1st at North Judson Field Day, and 1st at ISSMA. Assistant coach, Mrs. Elaine Dykstra said, "Helping to coach was a fun experience. I had

fun helping teach the girls new routines and watching them grow into a better team. Becoming a team was an important factor in our winning of awards."

Kolor Guard performed a show called "The Blues Brothers." They wore outfits that were inspired by the movie "The Blues Brothers." They wore white shirts with black ties and black hats. They performed at football half time shows, and at competitions. During the winter season, they wore their red glitter outfits. In those uniforms, they performed during the basketball half time shows.

The girls also held a mini-camp for elementary girls. They taught them a new performance and let them perform it at a basketball game's half time for their parents. "Mini-camp was a lot of fun. I loved sharing our skills with the girls!" recalled Sophomore Ann Dykstra.



Ashley Thomas 9

Shannon Abrell 10



During a mini-camp with the elementary girls, grades 3-5, the Kolor Guard team performs the dance move they just learned.



Kolor Guard Row 1: Ann Dykstra, Shannon Abrell, Erica Greenlee, Ashley Thomas. Row 2: Stephanie Mann, Lori Beth Kappes, Carmen VanKley, Zsousa Roma. Row 3: Carri Dickerson, Elizabeth Moran, Tara Pellegrini. Row 4: Michelle Moran, Ashley Stansberry, Brandi DeVries

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\* Seniors in Orchestra had a major influence on the three songs that were being played in the concert. Mr.



Ken Steidle likes to give Seniors a major influence on decisions about songs because it will make their Senior year a lot more special. \*



"My last year of orchestra was the best ever. It brings a smile to my face everytime I think about how the group has flourished into an amazing orchestra over the past four years. I look forward to seeing even more changes from an audience point of view in the future," said Senior Kammi Lujon.

"Orchestra is the one class where I can let music open my mind and I can truly be free. Music has opened many doors for me already," said Sophomore Andrew Mullins.

By:  
Siobhan  
Urbano



"Orchestra was one of the best things that has happened in my life. It has taught me so much about team effort," said Junior Nicole McCue.



Johnathan Delger - 11

# Jazz Band/ Orchestra

Jazz Band won a gold medal when they went to LaPorte High School and entered the Indiana State School Music Association Jazz Festival on Saturday, March 6. "Southside Shuffle" by Howard Rowe was the first song that they played. Sean Warren played the Trombone and David Plant who plays the Trumpet had their own solos in "Southside Shuffle".

"Jazz Band is great. It gives us a chance to have fun playing our instruments instead of being serious," said Junior Alex Warren.

In the second song "As I Look At You" by Les Aldrich, Senior Brandon Patton was featured playing the Saxophone. Andrew Mullins, who plays Bass and David Plant who plays Trumpet had solos in the Closing song "Brass Roots" by Don Sebesky.

"I joined Jazz Band because it's a fun way to learn about different types of music, and

learning a different instrument was a challenge," said Freshman Stephanie Rainwater.

Orchestra had 17 members. There were nine violins, three violas, three cellos and two basses. This was the first year that Orchestra had a large enough group for contest. Spring Pop which was in May and Holiday which was in December were the names of the two concerts that featured the growing string group.

"This year was my fifth year, along with most of the other people in the class. It's really a good feeling to know that we're all in it together," said Sophomore Caitlin Sittema.

"Orchestra has grown a lot this year. We got new uniforms. The girls got dresses and the guys got really nice tuxedos. It was really exciting because it seems like our orchestra is really growing and going somewhere," said Sophomore Elizabeth Moran.



Alexander Warren - 11

Stephanie Rainwater - 09

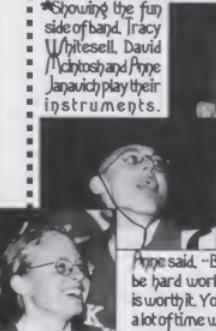


Orchestra Row 1: Kammi Luyon, Caitlin Sittema, Elizabeth Moran, Clarisa Bonilla, Jessie Nuss, Becky Goetz, Melissa Easto, David Plant. Row 2: Natalie Brasel, Kristina Wyrick, Christine Miles, Sara Boer, Jacob Fernandez, Nicole McCue, Andrew Mullins, Jessica Wray, Brad Herr, Jonathan Delger.

Jazz Band Row 1: Brandon Patton, Travis McDaniel, Bryan Hamm, Cassy Dickerson, Stephanie Rainwater. Row 2: Steven Roelfs, Sean Warren, Matt Patton, Alex Warren, Patrick Fraley, David Plant. Row 3: Paul Pajkos, Andrew Mullins.

## Fabulously Fun Facts

\*Showing the fun side of band, Tracy Whitesell, David McIntosh and Anne Janavich play their instruments.



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Anne said, "Band can be hard work, but it is worth it. You spend a lot of time with new people, and it is a great way to get to know them." \*



Picking up his sheet music that fell on the ground, Senior Paul Pajkos gets his music back on the stand so he can continue the song.

As the band members get ready for an upcoming contest, they all practice to learn the new music. They went to Crown Point High School on April 17 for the ISSMA Concert Band Contest. (Above Right)

By  
Olivia  
Ortiz



Concert Band Row 1: Killashandra Szczepaniak, Sally Wallenstein, Stephanie Paucod, Tonya Brus, Rebecca Fraley, Lindsey Tobias, Stephanie Rainwater, Maggie Forden, Keith Axtel, Jessica Whirley, Michael Szostek, Anne Janavich, Katherine Misak, Sarah Luttringer, Matthew Patton, Victoria Onderwater, Amanda Griede, Ryan Wynkoop, David Plant, Patrick Fraley, Andrew Herszman, Alexander Warren, Trent Wilson, Timothy Whitaker. Row 2: Travis McDaniel, Jennifer Klunder, Cassy Dickerson, Bryan Hamm, Brandon Patton, Kevin Kampenga, Sean Warren, Aaron Carisle, Steve Roelfs, Tracy Whitesell, Jazmyne Allen, Anastasia Christian, Blaine Gross, Emily Penninga, David McIntosh, and Paul Pajkos.



Marching off the field after the halftime show, Junior David Plant turns to cheer on the football players as they run on the field while fellow band member Sophomore Emily Penninga keeps the beat.

# Marching To The Beat

Marching Band had many accomplishments and competed in many different competitions.

Band also made a great impact in the world of music in Indiana. Marching Band and Kolor Guard won a Division I Gold Medal in the ISSMA Marching Band contest at South Bend's Jackson Field.

They also played at the State Fair in the summer. Freshman Andrew Hershman said, "Band is really fun, I thought going to the State Fair was the best part so far. We had the opportunity to see what kind of competition they had down there. I also liked it because it was a great way to have a good time."

Another accomplishment the Band has made was at the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble contest in Indianapolis. David Plant played the *Trumpet Concerto*. David was rewarded first place for three

consecutive years, and also was chosen to play trumpet in the All-State Honor Band.

Band also was awarded a Gold Medal at State for winning the Saxophone Sextet which included Jennifer Klunder, Travis McDaniel, Tim Whitaker, Brian Hamm, Brandon Patton, and Cassy Dickerson. Members that earned Silver Medals were Rebecca Fraley, James Lewandowski, Emily Penninga, Katie Misiak, and Alexander Warren. Warren, a junior, said "Even though it was our building year, we found enough discipline and skill to earn a first place finish."

Band marched in the Touch of Dutch parade and every home football game. Practices began in the summer and were also held at 7a.m. every morning during the marching season.

"Band was the most worthwhile class I took this year. I learned a lot of new techniques and had a lot of fun doing it." said Freshman Matthew Patton.



Pep Band Row 1: Tonya Brust, Sally Wallenstein, Katherine, Misiak, Stephanie Fauced, Killashandra Szczepaniak, Anne Janavich, Sara Luttringer, Michelle Moran. Row 2: Rebecca Fraley, Keith Axtel, Stephanie Rainwater, Lindsey Tobias, Maggie Forden, Jessica Whirley, Michael Szostek. Row 3: Ryan Wynkoop, Victoria Onderwater, Amanda Griede, Cassi Dickerson, Travis McDaniel, Jennifer Klunder, Timothy Whitaker, Bryan Hamm. Row 4: Andrew Hershman, David Plant, Patrick Fraley, Alexander Warren, Matthew Patton, Trent Wilson. Row 5: Shawn Warren, Brandon Patton, Aaron Carlisle, Steven Roelfs. Row 6: Tracey Whitesell, Blaine Gross, Emily Penninga, David Macintosh, Kevin Kampenga, Paul Pajkos, Anastasia Christian, Jazmyn Allen.



Pausing to see why the crowd has cheered, the pep band realizes the Cougars have made the winning touchdown and then plays the school song. In addition to performing at all home games, the Marching Band and Kolor Guard won a Division I Gold Medal in the ISSMA Marching Band Contest at South Bend's Jackson Field.

By  
Giobhan  
Urban

# Crazy for Choir

"I was proud of my accomplishment because it took a lot of time and effort," said Sophomore Ashton DeVries.

Choir director Mr. William Darnell had a lot to be proud of since the choir brought home many awards at ISSMA, on February 7.

Carielle Baumgarte, Stephanie Talarrek, Kathy Kemp, Ashton DeVries, and Lauren Laski won first places in vocal solos.

"When I won first place at ISSMA I felt very happy. I was also excited and scared, but got over it. I would like to thank Sandy Tiemens for teaching me how to use my voice to sing such beautiful music," said Junior Kathy Kemp.

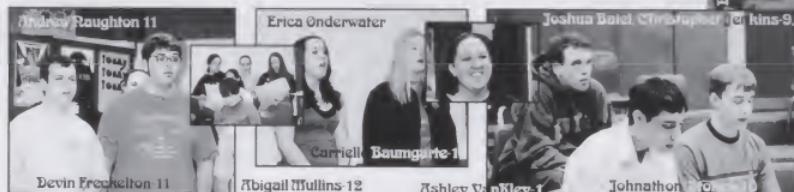
Josh Bael and Jessica Nuss won first place in piano solos. Two trios, two quartets, two sextets, and one large ensemble also won first in singing at the competition in Wheeler.

"Three days before contest our group lost one member. Luckily, Cecilia Heckman and I got Heather Drake to take her place. I was so

surprised when we got a first place that I had to go look at the list and double check that we won," said Sophomore Ashley Pierson.

"I've been singing most of my life so I wanted to see how it was to sing in an American choir. What I like the most about this choir is all the different kinds of music we sing, and of course all the people in the choir make it a really enjoyable experience," said Senior Daniel Nordberg.

After practicing for weeks in advance, all choir groups came together to perform a fall concert on October 21. Junior Stacy Kowalsky sang the solo for *Mama I'm A Big Girl* in the Fall Concert. The rest of the choir performed a well choreographed dance that was directed by Mr. William Darnell. All the girls in choir did a choreographed dance that was a part of the medley *Chicago*, which was directed by Mrs. Hallie Chicki. The choir also did a Christmas program on December 15, which combined the middle school and high school choirs, and finally, they had a spring choir celebration on May 13.



Concert Choir Row 1: Michelle Schurman, Emily Smith. Row 2: Ashton DeVries, Lauren Laski, Erica Onderwater, Nicole Gobin, Tara Pellegrini, Jennifer Chernowsky. Row 3: Cassandra Poisel, Elizabeth Sutton, Brittany Burchett, Cheri Ammerman, Carielle Baumgarte. Row 4: Robert Mayernik, Andrew Naughton, Devin Freckleton, Mr. William Darnell, Daniel Nordberg, Douglas Shupe.

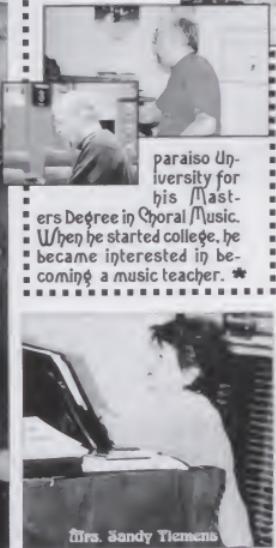


Beginning Treble Row 1: Kristen Schultz, Julie Dowhen, Jennifer Pastry, Abigail Mullins, Kathryn Kemp, Ana Perez, Tiffany Livengood, Nichole Tomaszewski. Row 2: Amanda Mikuly, Melanie Merriman, Anastasia Wagner, Stephanie Talarrek, Jeni Meyer, Jessica Fritz, Ashley Thomas, Desiree Hornback. Row 3: April Killion, Alyssa Golly, Gabrielle Miller, Holly Logan, Jerica Whitlock, Nicole Luedtke, Mr. William Darnell. Row 4: Gabe Waugaman, Geena Garcia, Ashley Keefer, Amber Jesters, Ashley Zavala, Karleen Gunter, Stephanie Landis.

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\* Mr. Darnell went to college for a total of five years. He went to Indiana State for his Bachelor's Degree and Val-

paraiso University for his Master's Degree in Choral Music. When he started college, he became interested in becoming a music teacher. \*



Mrs. Sandy Tiemens



Advanced Treble Row 1: Michelle Anderson, Ashley Pierson, Katelyn Blakely, Jennifer Williaris, Kara Prentoski, Carlin Oezer, Ashley Antkowiak. Row 2: Danielle Brubaker, Sarah Eich, Cecilia Heckman, Lori Kappes, Sarah Salamah. Row 3: Amber Cunningham, Amanda Raymond, Brandi Kittle, Heather Hylemon, Dawn Aurelia, Krista Aurelia, Mr. William Darnell.



Men's Choir Row 1: Douglas Shupe, Robert Mayernik, Christopher Jenkins, Joshua Baeil, Johnathan Stokes, Daniel Jester. Row 2: Daniel Nordberg, Luke Thomas, Clay Systma, Jacob Estrada, Lawrence Whitford, Devin Freckleton, Andrew Naughton. Row 3: Mr. William Darnell.

## Fun Facts!

\* The stepmother and step sisters' hair do's used over 500 bobby pins.

Hair was done by Junior Elizabeth Sutton.

The step-sisters and stepmother took their dresses home and made them themselves, with the help of their parents and Director Mrs. Jill Steiper. \*



*While telling the Fairy Godmother, Sophomore Allison Kileck, of her dreams and wishes, Cinderella, Senior Katie Russ dances around and sings of going to the ball and marrying the prince. "This year was different than most because our cast consisted of mostly younger people. Everyone brought so much energy and excitement to the musical," said Senior Katie Russ.*

*During a dress rehearsal, Freshman Rebecca Fox and Sophomore Erica Underwater show their friendship that started during this play. Many students that participated in the play made new friends. "It was my first play and an unforgettable experience. I loved being on stage and receiving feedback and energy from the audience. It was such a rush!!" said Freshman Rebecca Fox.*

*By:  
Ashley  
Miller*



"I never realized how hard it was to fall in love every night," said Junior David Plant, who played the Prince in the play *Cinderella*.

# Fusing A Glass Slipper



For four nights, *Cinderella*, a children's fairy tale story, became real. Many students, staff members, and parents enjoyed participating in the production of the musical.

"It was a fun experience playing the evil stepsister, Portia. It was lots of hard work, but tons of fun," said Sophomore Erica Onderwater.

Participants in the play had practice every night before the opening night. The stage crew dressed and acted like mice when they changed the set. "It was fun and interesting. I've never been in a play before, so it was a fun experience," said Freshman Nicole Brown, who played the part of a townsperson.

Being in *Cinderella* proved to be a great opportunity to meet new people. Many students enjoyed interacting with a variety of students as they all came together as one big team.

"It was a great experience. I met tons of new people, and I had an awesome time," said Sophomore Carrielle Baumgarte, after playing the

part of a ball guest.

Opening night on February 27 played to a nearly full house. Presale tickets for the four night event numbered 1,360 tickets, which included free on stage bloopers.

"Plenty of mistakes happen, but that is why I love theater! I slipped during 'In My Own Little Corner' and crashed into a wall. I also went to the ball without gloves," said Senior Katie Nuss.

"David Plant (the prince) was supposed to start a scene onstage with me, and when he came onstage, he started with his opening line, 'I know it belongs to her!' And I simply replied, 'What?'" added Junior Andrew Naughton, who played the King.

Even people who were just able to watch the dress rehearsal said that the play looked entertaining. After every performance the post play crowd said that the crew and Mrs. Jill Steiner did a fantastic job. Every night a child begged to meet the prince, or one could hear a child cry, "Cinderella, Cinderella." For them, it was a magical night in the KV Kingdom.



Katie Russ 12

Erica Onderwater 10

Townspersons

Townspersons



Drama: Row 1: Maire Gurevitz, Jennifer Greshaw, Steven Sowder, Nicole Granger, Jessica Peters, Nicholas Schmidt, Mrs. Jill Steiner. Row 2: Nicole Pilachowski, Randee Iversen, Abigale Sandonato, Christine Roorda, Stephanie Talarek, William Whited, Ashton DeVries. Row 3: Gabrielle Miller, Joanna Perzee, Mathew Reichert, David Plant, Elizabeth Tillema, Megan Odle, Allison Klicek, Keith Hoffman. Row 4: Jessica Nuss, Emily Smith, Ashley Tillema, Matthew Profrock, Nichole Tomaszewski, Alyssa Tomich, Jeremy Murray. Row 5: Rebecca Fox, Adam Bowman, Ryan Smeltzer, Michael Szostek, Matthew Wicker, Melissa Easto, Elizabeth Weaver, Andrew Surber.

While trying on the glass slipper during dress rehearsal, Joy Junior Emily Smith refuses to hand back the shoe. Participating in the play was a lot of fun, and tons of hilarious memories were created. It also takes dedication, and your heart had to be in what you're doing," commented Smith. Also in the scene were Godmother, Sophomore Allison Klicek, Stepmother, Freshman Rebecca Fox, and a messenger, Junior Devin Frecheltun.

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\* Sponsoring Drama Club was Mrs. Jill Steiner. Steiner said, "I became interested in drama early in my life.



when I was about 10 years old. For the last 26 years, I have been involved in theatre, and I hope to give that same opportunity to students here at KV." \*



By  
Amanda  
Thompson

1. I joined Drama Club because I wanted to be in the schools two plays. I also joined because some of my friends joined, and it sounded like a lot of fun. Freshman Andrew Raughton

2. Improv was the funniest weeks of the school year. My favorite thing was laughing throughout all of the practices. It feels good to know you're the one making people laugh. Sophomore Aaron Hebb

3. I enjoy making people laugh. In Drama Club, I have the opportunity to make a whole audience laugh, or feel any emotion. That is my favorite thing: getting people to feel. Sophomore Jessica Russ

4. For me, Improv was easier than acting. With acting you match your actions to the words in the scene. With Improv, you have an action already; you just provide the words. Senior Tiffany Kampersal

5. I really enjoyed Drama Club this year. I had a lot of fun learning new things and having great experiences with my friends. I plan on joining again next year. Junior David Plant

Performing on stage, Junior Andrew Raughton acted out a scene for Actors Anonymous. Andrews team lost to The Lover haters.

Enthusiastically dancing and singing, Junior Andrew Raughton, and Sophomore Carriele Baumgarte support their team, which was called The Yellow Jackets. (Above center)

# Drama/Speech

Two clubs that taught students to express themselves were Drama and Speech. Both clubs showed the students that they could be whoever they wanted to be by acting it out in a play, or demonstrating it in a speech.

Sponsored by Mrs. Jill Steiner, Drama Club did many plays as well as skits and shows.

On October 17 and 18, drama members performed Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* in cooperation with Samuel French, Inc. Directed by Mrs. Jill Steiner with her assistant Justin Steiner, the Pulitzer Prize-winning play depicted the daily life of a small town in Grover's Corner, New Hampshire. Senior Nicole Granger who played Emily Webb said, "The play had something for everyone because it was a simple story about life." The three-act play was geared for all ages, across all times, and centered on the lives of common people in all places. Actors and crew members worked for weeks for the final production to be ready.

For four nights, drama also performed the play *Cinderella*. The play brought in a lot of people selling a total of 1,360 tickets. Freshman Matthew Profrock said, "I liked *Cinderella* because we had a lot of stuff to work on." Music was under the direction of Mr. Tom Adamson.

Improv, a way for teens to get involved, was a way for students who normally could not commit the time to a full length show to still be a part of a comedy. Going strong for seven years, Improv started in the spring of 1998 when 'Whose Line Is It Anyways' was very popular. Students made up teams, and acted out different games together for points. Winning teams were chosen by the audience applause, with The Dislexic Phönix Teachers winning the first night, and the Lover-Haters winning the second night.

Mr. Justin Steiner sponsored the Speech Club. Students got to express their views and opinions on things going on in their daily life, and in the media, while improving their speaking skills.

Brandon Bayernik - 10



Chelsea Castillo - 9



Elizabeth Tillema - 9



Elizabeth Weaver - 10



Christopher Jenkins - 9

Rebecca Fox - 9



Waiting for their turn, Sophomore Jeremy Murray, Freshman Christopher Jenkins, eighth grader Falicia Murray, and Freshman Rebecca Fox watch their opponents while thinking up a plan for their turn. "Improv was an awesome way to really let myself go. There was no holding back. Anything crazy was acceptable!" said Fox.



Drama Row 1: Maire Gurevitz, Jennifer Greshaw, Steven Sowder, Nicole Granger, Jessica Peters, Nicholas Schmidt, Ms. Steiner. Row 2: Nicole Pilachowski, Randee Iversen, Abigayle Sandonato, Christine Roorda, Stephanie Talarek, William Whited, Ashton DeVries. Row 3: Gabrielle Miller, Joanna Perzee, Matthew Reichert, David Plant, Elizabeth Tillema, Megan Odle, Allison Kilek, Keith Miller. Row 4: Jessica Nuss, Emily Smith, Ashley Tillema, Matthew Profrock, Nichole Tomaszewski, Alyssa Tomich, Jeremy Murray. Row 5: Rebecca Fox, Adam Bowman, Ryan Smeltzer, Michael Szostek, Matthew Wicker, Melissa Easio, Elizabeth Weaver, Andrew Surber.

## Fabulously Fun Facts

\* Junior Jeff Schumacher worked prosperously to create a life-size paper mache person named



"Sin". "I named it "Sin" because it's punishment for everything I've done in my life," said Jeff. It took a week to create the finished product in Art Class. \*



Getting organized, Senior Joanna Wilherson patiently waits for students interested in joining the Mirage Club to approach her table during club sign up day. Juniors Andrew Raughton and Adam Kerkes try to describe to Senior Nicholas Schmidt what exactly a particular club has to offer. During the Club Fair in September, students could join as many clubs as they wanted. However each club cost up to \$10.

Preparing his final piece of art work, Junior Jeff Schumacher drills in the last of many nails into his paper mache sculpture. The sculpture was covered with fake blood and nails. Jeff worked continuously on this project day after day in Mrs. Klochow's fourth, sixth, and seventh hour Art classes.

By:  
Ashli  
Pierson



"I like what Mirage does. They let people show their creative talents. The teacher is really nice and the club is really laid back." Sophomore Sally Wallenstein



# Express Yourself

Expression was the key in the Art and Mirage Clubs. Mrs. Nancy Klockow headed the Art Club, while Ms. Melodi Belei headed the Mirage Club. Both clubs gave students a chance to express themselves through art.

In the Art Club the members did numerous activities. For Halloween members carved pumpkins and made shrunken heads out of apples. Senior Aubrey Voyles said "My favorite activity was definately the pumpkin carving and making the shrunken heads."

For Christmas students made glass ornaments. Other activities included tie-dying, origami and making cards for the troops. On May 13, the art show was held. Drawings, sculptures, pictures, ceramics and many other works of art were hung throughout the auditorium and the main hallway. Senior Aubrey Voyles won best in show.

Mirage was all about drawing, writing, and taking pictures. When Senior Jennifer Klunder was asked her favorite thing about Mirage she replied,

"Ms. Belei, because she is the funniest person alive!" Students in this club expressed themselves not only through their art, but also through their writing. Mirage stayed busy with meetings every Thursday after school.

Even students who weren't in Mirage were encouraged to contribute any of their drawings, pictures, or writings. "I think it's a real good outlet for student writing, and I wish I could muster up more student interest," commented Ms. Belei. Towards the end of April a poetry contest was held. Freshman Chelsea Castillo took home the first and second place awards for her work.

Every year Mirage publishes a magazine called "Mirage". Junior Lindsay Craig was the art cover winner. The magazine was packed front to back with all of the drawings, pictures, and writings that had been collected. At the end of the year the magazine was put out for sale. Ms. Belei and the members used some of the profits from the sale to contribute to their end of the year pizza party.



Christian Zielke 12



Aubrey Voyles 12



Samantha Kampersal 11



Brandy Wilkerson-10



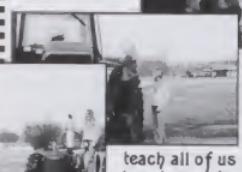
Art Club: Row 1: Samantha Kampersal, Aubrey Voyles, Mrs. Klockow Row 2: Kevin Carlson, Cassy Dickerson, Christian Zielke, Trent Wilson, Chelsea Castillo Row 3: Joshua Gibson, Kelsey Nannenga, Michael Wood



Mirage Club: Row 1, Chelsea Castillo, Jennifer Greshaw, Tricia Miley, Jennifer Klunder, Veronica Malocha Row 2: Eprise Armstrong, Ashlie Peterson, Sally Wallenstein, Brandy DeVries, Trent Wilson Row 3: Kimberly Webber, Ms. Belei, Jessica Peters

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\* Two involved members of FFA were Juniors Rebecca Bledsoe, Tiffany Nemtuda. Tiffany said, "FFA is a great way to



teach all of us leadership skills that will help us through life, and in the future. It also helps you learn how to be more independent." \*



FFA elected Ryan Hilton as the club President. Ryan has been active in this club as long as he has been in high school. Students would recognize Ryan for wearing his cowboy clothes everyday with his big belt buckle.

During the crowning of The Sweet Heart at a Varsity Boys basketball game, Tiffany Nemtuda was crowned sweet heart. Junior Tiffany has been in FFA for all three of her High School years. Tiffany said, "I really enjoyed winning. I didn't expect that I was going to. It means a lot that I did win though. Everything in FFA has been fun."

By  
Olivia  
Ortiz



During the Sweet Heart award ceremony, Mr. Guy Skrobul escorts former queen Junior Jillian DeVries to the center of the gym floor.



Rachel Kikkert - 10

## Future Farmers of America

FFA did many beneficial activities, such as fruit sales, and many other activities to gain money for the school and for their own club.

FFA also brought many of the club members closer together and better prepared them for any obstacles. Junior Rebecca Bledsoe said, "I have learned a lot through the FFA. It has taught me how to become a better public speaker and how to be more prepared for the real world. The leadership skills I have learned will help me in my future."

Some of the things they did were community work for people that either could not do it or needed the help. This club also set a goal which was to participate in the District Creed Speaking contest.

One of the most publicized events that FFA has accomplished was the Sweet Heart award. This was one of the biggest turnouts. It was held at a varsity basketball game. Winner of the Sweet Heart award was Junior

Tiffany Nemtuda, who was accompanied by Junior Aaron Hershman. Other candidates were Rachel Kikkert, Jennifer Taylor and Jorie Kingma.

At the FFA annual awards banquet Mr. Steve Inman announced the winners of the FFA awards. Senior Eric DeKock won the Dekab award for being an outstanding Senior FFA member. Star Chapter Farmer award went to Sophomores Ryan Hilton and Adam Misch, who earned a chapter FFA degree. Star Greenhand award was presented to Freshman Andrew Hershman for being a great first year member.

Freshman Andrew Hershman and Junior Ryan Wynkoop formed a team and placed first at the District FFA Small Engines Contest. These two members put together a Briggs and Stratton Engine in an outstanding 45 minutes, took a written test, identified tools and engine parts, and worked on an engine specification sheet to earn the award.



Brian DeKock - 10



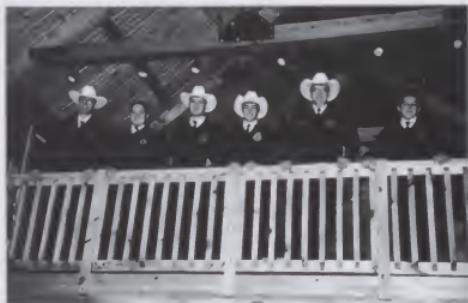
Johnathan Ooms 9  
Garret Myers 9



Rebecca Bledsoe - 11



Brian Hershman - 10  
Adam Misch - 10



Standing atop the balcony, Sophomore Ryan Hilton, Junior Ryan Wynkoop, Sophomore Adam Misch, Freshman Andrew Hershman, Junior Aaron Hershman, and Freshman Ryan Strandberg show off their outfits. These FFA members were attending a National Convention in Indianapolis. Mr. Inman said, "KV FFA members get to meet new FFA members at these kind of National Conventions. They also learn many things about the club." He also said that, "FFA is just not local, it is global, and it is very much needed in the world."



Row 1: Steve Inman, Victoria Onderwater, Ryan Wynkoop, Eric DeKock, Aaron Hershman, Adam Misch, Ryan Hilton, Brian DeKock, Row 2: Johnathan Ooms, Garret Myers, Tiffany Nemtuda, Rebecca Bledsoe, David Monet, Kristina Wyrick, Krin Huff, Krystal Keilman, Row 3: Daryl Wood, Matt Proffrock, Ryan Strandberg, Andrew Hershman, Matt O'Brien, Randy Hilton, Clay Sytsma, Jeremy Cochran, Sarah Jabaay, Row 4: John Wood, Alex Mills, Jacob Mital.

While at Deloitte Elementary, Junior Meagan Clarich reads her book to the children. Students in Vocational Childcare Class made homemade books and then took a fieldtrip to the elementary school.

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\*During FCCLA week, students were asked to find the ten paper hearts. Cecilia Fleckman.



Jarvie Harris, and Brandy McCarthy were three students who found the hearts and took them to Ms. Jennifer Schroeder's room to receive their prizes. \*



1. "We had five members qualify for state competition. As President, it was my responsibility to make sure everyone knew where they were supposed to go and what time they needed to be there."

"Senior Rebecca Fralcy"

2. "Being the secretary of BPA has made me be a little bit more responsible. Some of my responsibilities included keeping the attendance of members, giving old business from last meetings, and communicating among Mrs. Zacher and members."

"Junior Jimmy Trembly"

3. "I enjoyed the dress up days that FCCLA had. They gave me a chance to express myself during school and gave me a chance to really show my creative side."

"Senior Tiffany Kampersal"

4. "BPA taught me a lot. I got to work with Power Point and do a presentation. As I worked on that presentation I gained a lot of ability and strength to talk in front of a group of people."

"Senior Jessica Peters"

5. "On the day of 'The King of Hearts,' I knew I had to win it. So, with the wonderful help of my friends, Justin Atkins and Jerrod Martinez, I did win!"

"Junior David Thompson"



By:  
Sam  
Phillips



Members of FCCLA plant a memory garden in the courtyard in the shape of the breast cancer symbol during National Breast Cancer Week in memory of those who died of breast cancer.



FCCLA/BPA

# FCCLA/BPA

FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders of America) worked to help our community. This year alone, members planted flowers in the shape of the breast cancer symbol to remember breast cancer victims during National Breast Cancer Week. Girls who were also in the Vocational Childhood Care Class went to DeMotte Elementary and read books that they made to the students. They also provided money to students whose homes burned down, to help them to get set up again.

Another major event was the FCCLA "Spirit Week." Monday- "P.J. and bad hair day;" Tuesday- "Find your heart," when ten hearts were hidden around the school and if you found one, you received a prize; Wednesday- "King of Hearts," when the man with the most hearts, David Thompson, won a \$25 gift certificate to Lowes Theater; Thursday- "Career Day," and Friday- "Red/White Day." FCCLA normally attended a district meeting twice a year and a state convention, but Ms. Jennifer Schroeder said, "This year there just wasn't enough student interest."

BPA (Business Professionals of America) helped students to build leadership, business knowledge, and professionalism. The only requirement to be in BPA was that members had to take some form of a business class (keyboarding counted). During the Christmas Season, BPA offered gift wrapping and Santa grams to the student body. They also had a pizza party at the end of the year to say good-bye to the departing seniors.

Members attended the District Leadership Conference at Avon High School and Ivy Tech State College in Valparaiso, and the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis. Members of BPA learned about the business world and met new and got ideas from people from all regions of the state. "The best part about being in BPA is being able to compete in business related projects. BPA also allows you to meet new people who enjoy doing the same things that you enjoy. "My favorite part about being in BPA is when we go to Indy to compete at State," said Treasurer Senior Angelena Oliver.



Jessica Peters-12

Angelena Oliver-12

Amanda Anderson-12



Committee meeting



Story Time



Jimmy Trembly-11, Tiffany Philpot-11



FCCLA Row 1: Meagan Clarich, Brandy Whitford, Jodie Carter. Row 2: Mrs. Jennifer Schroeder, Heather Bacon, Patricia Miley, Kristen Huff. Row 3: Jessica Hubbard, and Robin Baldauf.

BPA Row 1: Jimmy Trembly, Rebecca Fraley, Angelena Oliver, Tiffany Philpot, Brandy Whitford. Row 2: Katelyn Blakely, Keith Axtell, Kaitlyn Ketchum, Jessica Peters, Amanda Anderson, and Kimberly Webber.

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\*-Foreign Language field

trip to New Prairie to see Don Quixote and Cyrano De Bergerac was



very different. It was an interactive audience and was something never done before." said Junior Ashlee Matson. \*



1. Being sponsor of the Foreign Language Club is interesting and rewarding "Ms Irma Coddington," Spanish Teacher

2. "I joined Foreign Language Club because I really wanted to know about different cultures. There is a lot more out there than just us." Freshman Elizabeth Weaver

3. "The reason that I joined the Foreign Language Club was because I just knew that I would meet new people, and it would be a very good opportunity." Freshman, Marissa Peters

4. "The Field Trip to New Prairie to see the two plays was great. It was a nice break from school to hang out with friends and watch Don Quixote and Cyrano De Bergerac." Junior David Fisher

5. "I joined the Foreign Language Club because I wanted to have fun with my friends and eat foreign food. My favorite activity in class was dancing because it was hilarious." Senior Andy Kiemp



By  
Siobhan Urbano



On a cold and windy day Juniors Margaret Wood and Nicole Disney throw candy from the Foreign Language float in Wheatfield (Above Center)



At the Homecoming float Freshman Carianne Jones, Mrs. Coddington, Juniors Nicole Disney, David Plant, Lindsey Beeching and Margaret Wood await the start of the Homecoming parade

# Cross Cultures



Foreign Language Club sponsored by Mrs. Irma Coddington allowed students to view and learn about other cultures. Officers were Lindsey Beeching (president), Scott Fieldhouse (vice president), David Plant (secretary), and Nicole Disney (treasurer). They all worked to plan activities that would expose club members to foreign culture.

In the fall, Foreign Language Club participated in Homecoming and entered a float. At Christmas they sang Christmas carols in Spanish, French, and German at the local Senior Citizens' Home. "My most memorable moment was Christmas caroling at a nursing home. Not everyone knew all the languages, so we had some vocal stumbling. We sang in French, German, Spanish and English. It was a lot of fun," said Freshman Andrew Surber.

"One of the most exciting activities that the Foreign Language Club has done was singing Christmas carols in three

different languages. I look forward to being in Foreign Language Club next year," said Sophomore Carlin Ozer.

They had a bake sale and a fund raiser to raise funds for a deserving graduating Senior who is a member of Foreign Language Club.

Members also went to see the Spanish play *Don Quixote* and the French play *Cyrano De Bergerac* on Monday April 12 at New Prairie.

"My favorite activity was when we ate food from other countries and danced to foreign music," said Sophomore Rachel Kikkert.

"Joining Foreign Language Club has been the best experience I've had this year. Everyone in the club is very energetic and interested in learning about other cultures," said Junior Justin DeKock.

"My Favorite memory was seeing Senora Coddington and Veronica Nikolas dancing as we tried to learn dances from countries that speak French, German, and Spanish," said Senior Eprise Armstrong.



Row 1: Mrs. Coddington, Elizabeth Weaver, Scott Fieldhouse, Lindsey Beeching, Nicole Disney, Margaret Wood, Cody Whited, James Lewandowski, Ryan Wynkoop

Row 2: Marissa Peters, Eprise Armstrong, Tiffany Philpot, Janelle Kondos, Joshua Wierzbka, Rachel Kikkert, Katie Misak, Emily Penninga, Dyanna Hamstra, Row 3: Andrew Surber, Wesley Clifton, Steven DeVnes, Kevin Carlson, Ryan Wilson, Jimmy Trembley, Dominic Willis, Michelle Beng, Row 4: Nelson Wilder, Caleb Rose, Megan Passalakouros, Justin DeKock, Stephanie Call, Amanda Bonilla, Steven Winter, Matt Jurs, Beril Valenkmaph, Row 5: Dane Willis, Dustin Wilson, Devin Dorn, Taylor Clifford, Johnathan Cusack, Andy Klemp, Veronica Nikolas, Maite Koch, Liz Tillerma, Row 6: Adam Garling, Cananee Jones, Ashton DeVnes, Mackenzie Namenga, Carlin Ozer, Kristen Schultz, Julie Dowhen, Jennifer Pastry, Sarah Jabay, Megan Odle, Stephanie Pauco

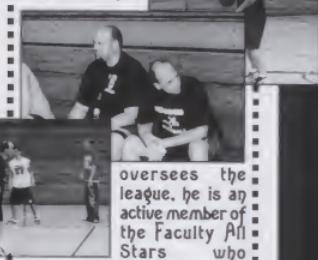
Row 7: Eprise Armstrong 12, Beril Valenkmaph 11, Lindsey Beeching 11, Marissa Peters 11, Scott Valenkmaph 11, Janelle Kondos 11, Stephanie Pauco 12, David Plant 11



While in French class, Foreign Language Member Janelle Kondos talks to Ashlee Matson and Clarisa Bonilla. They were playing a game where Mrs. Carey would say a number in French and that many people had to be in a group and whoever was not in the group had to sit down. Students had to be a member of a French, German or Spanish class in order to participate in the Foreign Language Club activities.

## *Fabulously fun facts*

\* Mr. John Gray coached the Morning League program from 1993 to 2001. Although Mr. Gray no longer



oversees the league, he is an active member of the Faculty All Stars who

played in the championship game on May 12. \*



After an exhausting game seniors Jordan Bonesteele, Kristopher Baccino, Calvin Hamstra, and Rebecca Goetz take a break to catch their breath and regain energy for the school day ahead of them. Calvin Hamstra said, "I decided to join Morning League because I enjoy basketball and the competition of the game."

Getting ready to put the ball back on to the court, senior Eric DeKoch looks for a teammate to pass the ball to during the championship game. Eric's team won their game with a score of 70 to 55 to go on and be named the Morning League champs

*By:  
Jessie  
Thys*



"Being the Morning League score keeper was just about the easiest thing I have ever done. The only bad thing was waking up at 5:45 in the morning." Junior Cassandra Pollard



# Morning League

Every Tuesday through Friday morning, from March 30 to May 12 members of the Morning League got up extra early and headed off to school. Those mornings were when those dedicated players played basketball.

On May 12, Los Monos Locos Cuatro beat the Faculty All-stars 70 to 58 in the championship game. Jordan Bonesteele got the majority of the points with 31. "We thought that this game was going to be a challenge, but in the second half the teachers couldn't keep up with the real men," said Senior Jordan Bonesteele.

Captains for all teams were Devin Dorn, Carl Veld, Alexander Wagner, Jeremy Rozhon, Douglas Shupe, Darren Wireman, Skyler Cavinder, Calvin Hamstra, Mr. Mike Peo, Aaron Hebdia, Kelly Foley, Amanda Akers, and Frank Bestich.

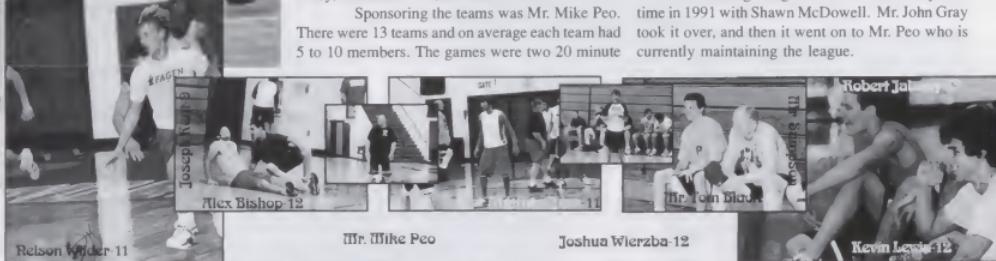
Sponsoring the teams was Mr. Mike Peo. There were 13 teams and on average each team had 5 to 10 members. The games were two 20 minute

halves, and the clock ran continuously, with two minute half times. Two games were held every morning in the middle and high school gyms.

Although there were two girls teams, the rest of the teams were made up of boys. Senior Kristin Yenchus said, "I joined Morning League because my friends put a team together, and I had never played before so I thought it would be fun. Our whole team was awesome, and we had tons of fun. Our team was definitely the stars!"

Each team got to pick its team name including, Flying Dutchmen part 2 (the remix), Los Monos Locos Cuatro, Team Ownage, Willy Wonka's, Barbies, The Sucky Kids, The Pink Gorillaz, Regulators, The Misfits, NEEH aka The noise a goat makes, Faculty All-Stars, and Daddy's Little Angels.

Makes, Faculty All-Stars, and Daddy's Little Angels. Morning League started for the very first time in 1991 with Shawn McDowell. Mr. John Gray took it over, and then it went on to Mr. Peo who is currently maintaining the league.



Exhausted from winning the championship game, Junior Matthew Jurs, Freshman Daniel Lewallen, Junior Berthi Cari Valenhamph, Senior Sam Kent, Senior Cari Veld, Senior Jordan Bonesteel, Senior Eric Dekoch, and Senior Alex Bishop hold up their championship shirts. Jordan Bonesteel scored almost half of his teams points with a total of 31 points.

After playing a hard half, Freshman Daniel Lewallen and Junior Matthew Jurs check in with scorekeeper Junior Jamie Anderson to see the score. Although Jamie Anderson didn't play on a team, she and Cassandra Pollard were the official score keepers of Morning League.

## ***fabulously Fun Facts!***

\*While filling out the information for the upcoming Pioneerz retreat, Juniors



Megan Passaloukos and Elizabeth Kreischer record the information given to them by Pioneerz Sponsor, Mrs. Nancy Klockow. \*



While standing on the stage during the RHO induction, Sophomores Ryan Smeltzer and Stephanie Poisel look on at the other members of Rational Honor Society. "Rational Honor Society is pretty fun. It was really funny when Jessie Russ dropped her candle after she got it lit at the candlelight induction ceremony," she said.

During the induction ceremony of RHO, Senior Jessie Russ gives a speech. "I love all the fun we have had sending out the infamous love notes, and Christmas caroling down the street in the freezing cold!" she said.

*By:  
Jessie  
Fugua*



During a Pioneerz meeting, sophomore Ashley Murray works hard at filling out a survey. "I love the fact that Pioneerz helps the younger kids make good decisions in their lives. That, to me, makes me feel way better about myself."



Maire Gurevitz-12

# Pioneerz/NHS

Pioneerz and National Honor Society were both clubs that focused on helping the community and their fellow students. Pioneerz focused on helping younger people make good choices, like being drug free.

Pioneerz sponsors included Mrs. Nancy Klockow, Mr. Dennis Sterrett, and Vice Principal Mr. Robert Prescott. Mr. Dennis Sterrett said, "I really enjoyed the time we spent together. Spending time with good kids doing good things is what it's all about. The whole foundation and meaning of the club is totally awesome, and I am glad that there are students at KV that have the fortitude to stand behind their convictions."

Throughout the year, Pioneerz did several things to help the community. Not only did they help the middle schoolers succeed in

making good decisions, but they also helped to try and stop the underage selling of tobacco.

National Honor Society was a club where students had to be chosen by school staff members and meet high academic standing after the freshman year. Club sponsors were Mrs. Kristi Slaby and Mrs. Nancy Klockow. Officers were Seniors Katie Nuss, Jennifer Chernowski, and Maire Gurevitz, and Junior Michelle Berg. Twenty one new members joined the 45 current members during the April induction.

Club officer Senior Jennifer Chernowski said, "I enjoy working with the other officers and Mrs. Slaby. We always had a lot of fun at our events, whether we were singing Christmas carols, walking for Cystic Fibrosis, or guiding parents around the school for Back to School Night."

Both clubs offered services to both the community and the school.



Devin Dorn-12

RHS Officers

Kirsten Fifield-11



NHS: Row 1: Jennifer Chernowski, Maire Gurevitz, Michelle Berg, Mrs. Nancy Klockow. Row 2: Alison Jonkman, Michelle Schurman, Dyanna Hamstra, Kristopher Baccino, Calvin Hamstra, Jeremy Kunzman, Kyle Jansma. Row 3: Michael Lapota, Rebecca Fraley, Mandy Koster, Nicole Granger, Randy Ivanov, Megan Passaloukos, Ashley Liston, Kirsten Fifield. Row 4: Michelle Anderson, Megan Kwasniewski, Jill DeVries, Lindsey Beeching, David Plant, James Lewandowski, Devin Dorn, Michael Torbitt. Row 5: Rebecca Goetz, Megan Hinchy, Mark Terborg.



Pioneerz: Row 1: Ashley Murray, Megan Passaloukos, Elizabeth Kreischer, Ashley Liston. Row 2: Mrs. Nancy Klockow, Veronica Malocha, Devin Dorn.

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\* Senior Kelly Foley was one of the active members of memory who said "Memory club was a lot of fun putting together



different scrap books. I know many years down the road I can look back at my many scrap books and see all the fun times I had with all my friends and family." \*



At a TFC meeting, seniors Amanda Bonilla, Kacie Woods, Allison Junkman, Devin Dorn, Lindsay Peo, Kristen Yenches, Bailee Scruinaki, and Nicole Granger pick out snacks after listening to Peg Rick give an acceptance speech for the Community Hero Award.

While working on a scrapbooking project for her club, Junior Carrie Rice carefully looks at her pictures. She said, "The club is fun for many different projects. My favorite was when we put together a little booklet and sent it out to someone that we knew from different places."

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\* We focus a lot on our community as well as our school. My favorite part about TFC was going to the elementary school and making valentines - said senior Devin Bryan



# TFC / Memory

Teen Freedom Corps (TFC) and Memory were two of the newest clubs. Many students have joined since they have been established, and the clubs have done many different activities in the short time they have been around.

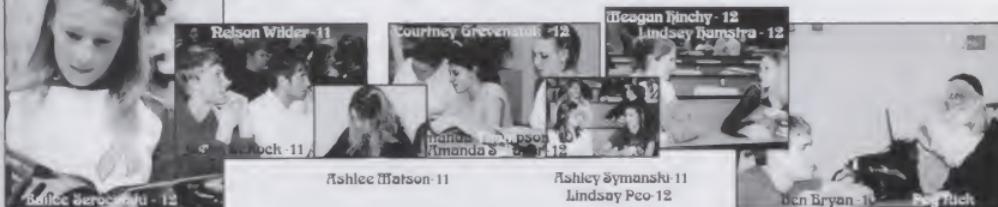
This year alone, TFC dug right into helping the community and doing projects that were really touching. One of the projects done by this club was nominating a community hero in the area. TFC elected Peg Nick, who has been involved in many beneficial organizations and projects in this area. She has been a six year member and two year chairman of the board at the Crisis Center and holds the annual plant sale to raise money for American Cancer Society. Ben Bryan, who presented the award to her said, "It was a great honor to give the award to Peg."

Another thing that TFC accomplished was going to the DeMotte Elementary to volunteer with helping the kids write their Valentines Day cards to the soldiers overseas. Senior Kacie Woods

said, "Making valentines with the youngsters was a super sweet time!"

Most of the club members really got involved, including Senior Anna Gatlin, who said, "TFC is a great organization and a really terrific way to get involved and help people. I am so proud to represent Teen Freedom Corps!"

While TFC was dedicated to helping others, Memory aimed to preserve memories on the pages of scrapbooks. Mrs. Barbara Jackson was the sponsor of this club and was so involved in it she even had meetings at her own house. Mrs. Jackson said, "Memory club is not only about creating a lasting memoir of the high school. It's about self expression, art, and exploring your identity. I get the most satisfaction from helping kids realize their potential which is to express their memories in their own unique way."



TFC Front Row: Eric DeKock, Kacie Woods, Kristin Yenchesus, Lindsay Peo, Stephanie Call, Ben Bryan, Rebecca Goetz, Bailee Serocinski, Anna Gatlin, Nicole Granger, Brianne Kingma Row 2: Megan Diaz, Jon Cusack, Megan Kwasniewski, Kelly Foley, Lindsay Hamstra, Kammi Luyon, Amanda Luzzader, JoEllen Wright, Scott Valenkamp, Julie Dowhen Row 3: Amanda Bonilla, Taylor Clifford, Kirsten Field, Clarissa Bonilla, Justin DeKock, Ashley Symanski, Megan Passalakous, Trent Dorn, Josh Wierza, Kristen Shultz Row 4: Alison Jonkman, Danielle Brubaker, Lindsey Beeching, Nicole Disney, Michelle Anderson, Kellen Patrick, Steve Winter, Alana Williams, Joseph Roorda Back Row: Devin Dorn, Nelson Wilder, Meagan Anderson, David Plant, Nicole Pilachowski, Abigale Sandanato, Rojelly Almira, Lauren Brubaker, Randee Iversen



Memory Front Row: Bailee Serocinski, Kelly Foley, Amanda Jackson, Carrie Rice Row 2: Amanda Johnson, Mrs. Barb Jackson, Amanda Reichert, Ashley Martin, Amanda Schaper Row 3: Krysten Gunter, Kammi Luyon, Jessica Peters, Kimberly Webber, Back Row : Courtney Grevensuk, Samantha Phillips, Amanda Thompson, Anna Gatlin, Lindsay Peo

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\*Pathfinders held "See you at the pole" on September 17.

It was a day that students gathered around the flag pole to pray



and sing songs, before school started. They

also talked about many problems facing the country at the time, including the anniversary of Sept. 11. \*



"Some will drink life from a fountain pouring like an avalanche, coming down a mountain. That's what I tell people the first time I tutor them. I explain it to them the last day."

"Senior Andrew Beedle"

**Getting into the music.** Juniors Ashley Tillema and Kathryn Hester, Sophomore Elizabeth Moran, and Freshman Andrew McKee sing and perform at a Pathfinders meeting to get everyone into the spirit of celebrating the goodness of faith. (Above right)

By:  
Amanda  
Thompson



"Pathfinders... fellowship, singing, praying, encouraging. That's what we do. This last year has been the best. We got involved by helping out a family at Christmas, and also sending stuffed animals to Ukraine."

"Junior December Mayernik" (center)  
Also pictured Freshman Mackenzie Rannenga and Sophomore Carlin Oezer

Pathfinders Row 1: Krin Huff, Dominic Willis, Ashley VanKley, Cassandra Poisel, Veronica Malocha, Kathryn Hester, Ashley Tillema, December Mayernik. Row 2: Amy Knip, Stephanie Poisel, Jessica Nuss, Clarisa Bonilla, Ashton DeVries, Melanie Valdez, Christopher Jenkins, Dianna DeBold. Row 3: Jeremiah Dempsey, Andrew McKee, Amanda Jackson, Mackenzie Nannenga, Kirah Fifield, Jodi Anderson, Jorie Kingma, Mrs. Kay Masten, Row 4: Bethany Clark, Rachel Kikkert, Michael Szostek, Steven DeVries, Garrett Myers.



Pathfinders/Peer Facilitators

# Pathfinders/Peer Facilitators



Two clubs that shaped students' futures were Pathfinders and Peer Facilitators. Pathfinders, which has been at KV for many years, helped students share their beliefs with others, while Peer Facilitators, which started in the late 80's, helped students when they struggled in school.

Helping students grow in their Christian faith was what the members of Pathfinders aimed to do. Members of the club celebrated religion and life through song and prayer.

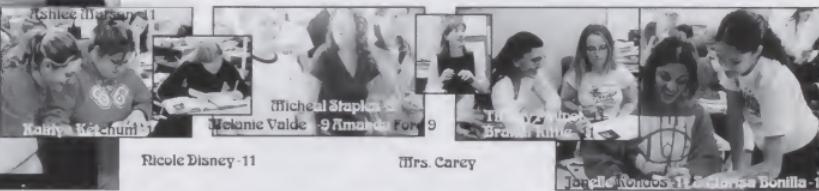
When Pathfinders met, one thing they talked about was fundraisers. Some they did were gathering canned food and toys for kids at Christmas. At meetings, when they prayed and sang worship songs, Sophomore Elizabeth Moran and Juniors Ashley Tillema and Ashley VanKley sang, and Freshman Andrew McKee played the guitar. Speakers often talked about their life experience, and how they felt about God.

"I enjoy Pathfinders because it's great to get together with other Christians at school.

Whether we sing praise songs or listen to speakers, I enjoy the time of fellowship with my friends and classmates," said Junior Jill DeVries.

Sponsored by Mrs. Heather Carey, Peer Facilitators was a program that helped middle school students, as well as high school students. Students in the club tutored students in high school and the middle school. They also tried to help those students in need by talking to them when they needed someone to talk with and making them feel welcome. "There are no presidents because everyone stepped up and became a leader," said Mrs. Carey.

To be part of Peer Facilitators, students had to first sign up or be volunteered. Mrs. Carey then went through the names and looked at the students' grades to make sure they were up to par. Afterwards, students were chosen. Freshman Mary Frederich said she would be in Peer Facilitators again next year. "It's a great experience because you get to help people. I would encourage anyone to join," said Mary.



Dominic Willis '11

Nicole Disney '11

Mrs. Carey



Pathfinders Row 1: Krin Huff, Dominic Willis, Ashley Vierkley, Cassandra Puls, Veronica Malocha, Ashley Tillema, Kathryn Hester, December Mayernik. Row 2: Jill DeVries, Michelle Anderson, Kammi Luyon, Kristin Yenutus, Alison Jonkman, Lindsay Poo, Bailee Serocinski, Stephanie Call, Anna Gallin, Kelly Foley, Jessica Richards, Row 3: Jennifer Pastry, Julie Dowhen, Rebecca Fraley, Angelena Oliver, JoEllen Wright, Janelle Kondos, Kevin Lewis, Krystal Barton, Megan Diaz, Joshua Wierzbka, Kyle Jansma. Row 4: Joann Perzel, Emily Smith, Kristine Schulz, Courtney Grevestuk, Krysten Gunter, Katelyn Blakely, Eric DeKock, Amanda Bonilla, Megan Kwasnienski, David Plant. Row 5: Jessica Melendez, Zachary Prairie, Dynnna Hamstra, Michelle Berg, Taryn Porter, Candiss Abel, Jennifer Greshaw, William Whited, Paul Pajkos. Row 6: Brittany Burchett, Elizabeth Sutton, Matthew Jurs, Justin DeKock, Taylor Clifford, Kirsten Fifield, Scott Osborn, Calvin Hamstra, Rebecca Goetz, Jennifer Chernowsky. Row 7: Cassandra Pollard, Ashlee Matson, Jamie Anderson, Danielle Brubaker, Meggin Crim, Ashley Symanski, Nelson Wilder, Trent Dorn, Kacie Woods.



Peer Facilitators Row 1: Nicholas Schmidt, Clarisa Bonilla, Andrew Beedle, Alana Williams, Joshua Wierzbka, Mary Frederich. Row 2: Lindsey Beeching, Nicole Disney, Ryan Wynkoop, William Whited, Michelle Berg, Ashlee Matson. Row 3: Rojelly Almira, Lauren Brubaker, Michelle Anderson, Megan Davidson, Megan Passalakos, Ashley Liston, Cassandra Pollard. Row 4: Tiffany Philpot, Jamie Anderson, Casandra Gray.

## fabulously Fun Facts!

★ "It's a great class for students to take because it develops their thinking, writing, and communication skills."



They learn to work as a team, and it builds responsibility because they're responsible for themselves and others." Miss Susan Huss \*



1. *I enjoyed this class because it was an automatic product that the whole school could read. Finding the interesting "scoop" was hard, but enjoyable. I'll miss it.* "Senior Courtney Grevenstuk"

2. *I like Newspaper because of the people that I've gotten to work with. It gives you a chance to meet people you've never talked to. I also enjoyed writing some of the stories.* "Junior Brandi Kittle"

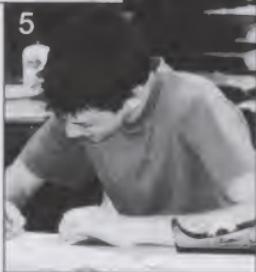
3. *It's a really fun class and you can do so much in it. I like doing different stories every time. This is my first year, and I plan on doing it for the rest of my high school career.* "Sophomore Kimberly Burns"

4. *This class gives you a way to express your opinions on different subjects and the opportunity to explain to people why you feel the way you feel about those topics.* "Sophomore Jerrica Whitlock"

5. *I like this class because it is a class that I can work at my own pace. I plan to write and do layouts for the paper again next year. It's a fun class that everyone should be in.* "Freshman Andrew Surber"



By:  
Amanda  
Thompson



Putting the finishing touches on her story. Sophomore Jessica Whitley edits her piece so that it can be put on page layout.

Facing a deadline, Sophomore Theodore Rue and Junior Brandi Kittle hand write their stories before they can get on a computer. They were writing stories for the Prom issue of the paper (Above center)

# Newspaper spreads the word

Deadlines, deadlines, and more deadlines!

Most students do not like to write papers, but the students on the Newspaper staff *volunteered* to write stories for our school newspaper, the *Spirit*.

Staffers had to have three stories done for each deadline, for a paper coming out each month. Students got to stretch themselves intellectually and think about topics they did not usually encounter in other everyday classes. Adviser Mrs. Kathy McKinney said, "As any one of them will tell you, newspaper isn't for everyone. It is hard work and full of stress, but the contacts, friendships, and feeling of accomplishment outweigh the hardship of it all."

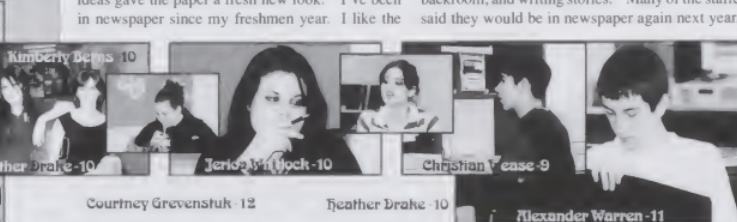
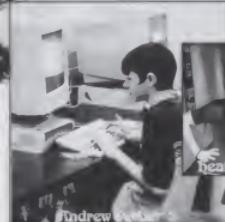
After attending summer training at Indiana University, Editors Senior Courtney Grevenstuk and Junior Alexander Warren brought new insights to the *Spirit*. Their vigilance in developing unique ideas and using new techniques for layout and story ideas gave the paper a fresh new look. "I've been in newspaper since my freshmen year. I like the

skills involved with it. The stress is worth the paper," said Junior Alexander Warren.

In February, Miss Susan Huss took over the classroom as a student teacher. In the next two issues, readers saw stories that reflected the world as well as daily school activities. "I like newspaper because I like to write. I do plan on being in newspaper again next year because it is so fun to write stories about people in the media as well as in our own school and community, as well as do interviews," said Sophomore Theodore Noe.

By being exposed to journalism, students in newspaper were offered new career ideas to consider for their future, such as News Reporting, Graphic Design, and Advertising.

Sophomore Heather Drake said, "I really enjoy being in newspaper because I like voicing my opinion and knowing that I've made a difference. We have a lot of fun in this class hanging out in the backroom, and writing stories." Many of the staffers said they would be in newspaper again next year.



Courtney Grevenstuk 12

Heather Drake 10

Alexander Warren 11



Intensely working on a cartoon drawing, Freshman Sean Warren tries to get his ideas across in his contribution for the next paper. Warren said, "I am a staff writer and work on layouts of the Newspaper, and every once in a while, I am a photographer. Newspaper is a way for us to have fun and get involved in school and community activities. This is my first year, but with the assistance of two great editors, I have been able to touch basis with what I needed to know."

Row 1: Andrew Waymire, Brandi Kittle, Matthew Daniels. Row 2: Jerica Whitlock, Kimberly Berns, Alexander Warren, Theodore Noe. Row 3: Courtney Whitlock, Amanda Schutz, Courtney Grevenstuk, Jessica Whirley, Sean Warren. Row 4: Andrew Surber.

## *Fabulously Fun Facts!*

\*Academic Decathlon was a one of a kind experience. Being a part of the team required a lot of practice.



time, effort, and preparation. Competing in the honors division and actually placing was very exciting and rewarding. \*



*While at SuperBowl, Sophomore Jazmyn Allen, Juniors David Plant, Anthony Fraticelli, Margaret Wood and Lindsey Beeching and Senior Eprise Armstrong won many awards.*

*"Academic Decathlon is so fun. It is wonderful that you can compete against each other with what you learn. Not only do you get to learn more, but it's a great way to make new friends. 'Knowledge is power' said Sophomore Jazmyn Allen after getting interviewed by Ms. McKinney during the Regional Conference in January.*

*By:  
Siobhan  
Urbano*



"Academic Decathlon was fun because the teachers were really enthusiastic about teaching us," said Senior Eprise Armstrong.

## Spellbowl / Decathlon / Superbowl

When it came to brains, the Cougars reached out not only into their classrooms, but also their community as well. In December and January volunteers from the entire district helped make the area decathlon run smoothly.

Spell Bowl team coached by Mr. Ladd and Ms. Belei placed 5th at the Northwest Hoosier Academic Conference competition. Top spellers were Emily Penninga (8/9 words right), Ashton DeVries and James Lewandowski (7/9 words right). They placed 3rd at the Rensselaer Invitational. Top spellers were Ashton DeVries (8/9 words right), and Emily Penninga, Nicole Disney, and Melissa Easto (7/9 words right).

"My most memorable moment in Spellbowl was when we didn't have a full team and tried to make random people come and spell with us," said Sophomore Emily Penninga.

Academic Decathlon team placed 2nd at the Northwest Hoosier Conference Decathlon in November. Brandon Patton placed 2nd in the Varsity Division. At the regional competition in

January, the team placed third in the small school division and Katie Nuss placed third in the Scholastic division. Eprise Armstrong was 9th in the Scholastic Division, Jasmyn Allen and Veronica Malocha placed 8th and 9th in the Varsity division and, Maire Gurevitz, Jennifer Chernowsky and Tony Fraticelli placed 6th, 8th, and 9th respectively in the honors division.

"Winning 3rd in State Competition for Math and Speech took time and effort, but in the end it was worth it," said Junior Anthony Fraticelli.

"My favorite memory was the team trip to Chicago. We visited the Field Museum, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Art Museum, and the Hancock Building. We ate at The Cheesecake Factory. The best part was the dinner at the Cheesecake Factory. We were all at the table telling stories before our dinners were served. Mr. Heid (Head academic coach) told a funny story about my brother. We all had time to become more than teammates. We became friends. That whole year was a ton of fun," said Senior Veronica Malocha.



Katherine Hubbeling - 10

Philip Ramsey - 12



Spellbowl Row 1: Emily Penninga, James Lewandowski, Ryan Wynkoop, Margaret Wood, Nicole Disney. Row 2: Ashton DeVries, Jasmyn Allen, Veronica Malocha, Melissa Easto.



Katherine Hubbeling - 10

Philip Ramsey - 12



Academic Decathlon Row 1: Mrs. Klockow, Jennifer Chernowsky, Emily Penninga. Row 2: Maire Gurevitz, Jasmyn Allen, Veronica Malocha.

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\* Alcohol can kill you. In 1998, 35.6% of traffic deaths of 15-20 year olds were alcohol-related.



Alcohol affects your brain, body and your self control. Alcohol can hurt you—even if you're not the one drinking. Taking large amounts can lead to death. \*



During the week of Prom, SADD put on a seat belt game during the four lunch periods. Freshman Keely Woods turned to put on her seat belt to begin the race. The seat belt game was really fun. We got to race around a car while trying to fasten the seat belts as fast as we could. It was a blast, and I would love to do games such as that again," said Keely.

In the mock car crash that SADD had on April 30, Junior Joseph Peretti played the dead teenager Joseph played the driver and had a head injury that cost him his life because of a drunken driver who hit the car. The driver was played by Vice Principal Robert Prescott. (Above right)



During Freshman Fundamentals. Seniors Lindsay Hamstra and Kristin Yenches sit along with their Freshmen and quiz them over what they have learned so far. Lindsay and Kristin helped the Freshmen as best they could so they would be able to know the rules of the Valley.

By:  
Ashlee  
Matson



Row 1: Kristin Yenches, Lindsay Hamstra, Bailee Seminski, Rebeccz Goetz, Kelly Foley, Anna Gatlin, Nicole Granger, Megan Kwasniewski, Amanda Bonilla. Row 2: Mark Terborg, Maire Gurevitz, Jennifer Chernowsky, Courtney Greverstuk, Jolene Wright, Amanda Schaper, Alison Jonkman, Erik Bakrevsik. Row 3: Calvin Hamstra, Carl Vekk, Jordan Bonested, Devin Dom, Christopher Baccino, Shawn Kuper, Scott Ohnum. Row 4: Joshua Wierzbz, Renée Hoffmire, Randy Ivanov, Kellen Pandz, Megan Diaz, Brinnie Kingma, Samuel Kent, Eric Dekock. Row 5: Veronica Nikoles, Laura Seegers, Megan Hinchy, Jennifer Allen, Tiana Jungels, Lorrie Lewallen, Franklin Eden. Back Row: Eric Van Kley, Lindsay Pea, Andrew Klemp, Michael Lapota, Jon Estill, Jodi Carter.

# SADD/Senior Leaders

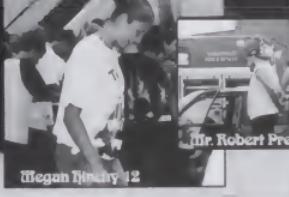
Teaching kids to be safe was one of the goals both SADD and Senior Leaders had to accomplish. Being in Senior Leaders, you must help the incoming Freshmen with fundamentals, dress code, rules of the school and even about lunch time do's and don'ts. In SADD they helped show the consequences of bad decisions.

While in Senior Leaders, Seniors worked hard to help the incoming Freshmen and tried even harder to show them a good time. Senior Jon Estill enjoyed the time that he had with the underclassmen, "I enjoyed helping the Freshmen start their year off. It was fun getting to know the lower class."

Seniors did certain activities with the Freshmen, and sometimes the teachers jumped in, to join the fun and help out the Freshmen. Senior Bailee Serocinski remembered the day quite well, "We played fun games and showed the Freshmen around the Valley. We not only got to learn about our Freshmen, but our class really came together as one. After all Cougars do hunt in packs."

While in SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), teens worked on awareness with students of the dangers of drinking and drugs. Sophomore Rachel Kikkert said, "Doing SADD is a great club to take a stand against negative issues in society." SADD helped students realize what the consequences would be if you make the wrong choice.

In the mock car crash that SADD put on, many students looked on in disgust with how the teenagers in the car were portrayed. Senior Jennifer Allen, Juniors Joseph Peretin and Bertil Valenkampf, and Sophomore Emma Cunningham all played the roles of the students in the car that was struck by the drunken driver who was played by Principal Robert Prescott. Many students took to heart what they saw. At the State Convention Sophomore Allison Plopper won a palm pilot and Senior Amber Cooper, won a cell phone with a year free unlimited use.



Megan Hjelm '12

Kaitie Russ '12

Sarah Hoffman '12

Amanda Bonilla '12



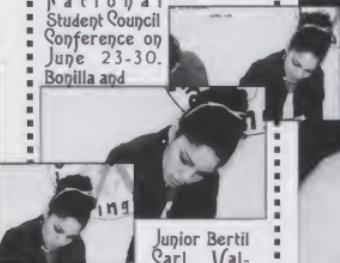
Row 1: Nancy Valenkampf, Angelena Oliver, Katelyn Blakely, Jolleen Wright, Megan Passalakos, Bertil Valenkampf, Tiana Jungels, David Plant, Andrea Scheidt, Row 2: Jennifer Taylor, Anna Gaffin, Megan Kwasniewski, Alison Jonkman, Christopher Baccino, Josh Wieroba, Erik Bakrevski, Michelle Anderson, Jennifer Bennett, Row 3: Lindsay Peo, Kristin Yenches, Stephanie Call, Justyna Kondos, Steven Winter, Samuel Kent, Kellen Patrick, Shawn Nikus, Steven Sowder, Row 4: Amanda Bonilla, Jennifer Nansen, Bailee Serocinski, Michelle Schurman, Dyanna Hamstra, Michelle Berg, Rebekah Goetz, Calvin Hamstra, Carl Veld, Kammi Luyon, Row 5: Megan Davidson, Kristin Fifield, Nelson Wilder, Matthew Reichert, Kathryn Huhn, Lindsey Reed, Candiss Abell, Mark Terborg, Krysten Gunter, Row 6: Cassandra Pollard, Jamie Anderson, Justin Dekoff, Joseph Peretin, Matthew Jurs, Michael Torbitt, Jeremy Kunzman, Zach Prairie, Veronica Malocha, Row 7: Jennifer Greshaw, Barry Reynolds, Janelle Kondos, Amanda Schaper, Angela Ciesielski, Nancy Krueger, Jessica Peters



Row 1: Megan Anderson, Jessie Nuss, Alana Williams, Cole Patrick, Emma Cunningham, Mary Kathryn Frederick, Derek Kunzman, Josh Hall, Brian Dekock, Row 2: Melissa Easto, Stephanie Talarak, Melanie Daniels, Carianne Jones, Jodi Anderson, Jackie Scheidt, Chris Walstra, Ryan Hilton, Row 3: Elizabeth Moran, Cassy Dickerson, Morgann Van Kley, Brittany Scott, Daryl Wood, Carri Dickerson, Kevin Zuchowski, Aaron Hebdy, Adam Misch, Row 4: Matthew Oliver, Troy Jackson, Jordan VanWienen, Garry Jones, Anne Dykstra, Destiny Baccino, Rachel Kikkert, Brian Winter, Back Row: Nancy Valenkampf, Andrea Scheidt

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\* Sophomore Clarisa Bonilla went to Las Vegas for the National Student Council Conference on June 23-30. Bonilla and



Junior Bertil Carl Valenkamp attended the weeklong conference in order to bring back activity ideas for Student Council.



1. "Student Council is a positive, active group, and they all work hard to provide social, educational, and leadership opportunities for the school and its staff." — Sponsor Mrs. Heather Carey"

2. "Being a member of Student Council is really fun, and you do a lot of cool projects, and it's a great way to get involved in the school's activities."

"Sophomore Clarisa Bonilla"

3. "I enjoy having a constant leadership position and being able to have an influence on what goes on in our school. I wanted to be involved in decisions at our school."

"Senior Megan Kwasniewski"

4. "I enjoy the fact that I am able to participate in school activities on a regular basis and am involved in decisions concerning our school."

"Junior Megan Passalacqua"

5. "Student Council is great because you're involved with so much in school. One of my duties was to award a plaque to Homecoming's Grand Marshal Mrs. Bobbi Jeffries. It's also great because of friends that I've made." "Senior Devin Durn"



By:  
Ashley Miller



In the midst of yellow and white balloons, Junior Janelle Kondos releases balloons in remembrance of 9-11. KV also planted a tree to commemorate the tragic event.

At the state convention, Seniors Eric VanKley, Whitney Prochno, and Sophomores Laura VanderLugt and Clarisa Bonilla, and Senior Tracy Cusack mark the opening with lit candles.

# Student Council

Students always wanted to have a say in what events happened at school. Student Council was a club that allowed students to make those decisions.

Although all of the ideas that students suggested were discussed and voted on, four people in addition to Sponsors Mrs. Heather Carey and Mrs. Nancy Valenkamp had the final say. Those four people were President Senior Devin Dorn, Vice President Junior Megan Passaloukos, Secretary Senior Megan Kwasniewski, and Treasurer Sophomore Clarisa Bonilla who also won the election for District I representative.

"Student Council is what you make of it. It is fun if you make it fun, just like anything else in life," said Senior Josh Wierzba.

Student Council went to a lot of fun places including Notre Dame where they received a tour and watched a hockey game. Many members of Student Council also enjoyed hosting the District I convention at which students from about 20 different schools came and discussed what

events they did at their school, and all the schools shared information to help improve their schools. "I enjoy Student Council because it helps you to make new friends, and although it takes work sometimes, it pays off in the end," said Senior Veronica Nikolas.

In addition to Homecoming activities, Student Council sponsored lunch with the principals, lunch activities, District Conference, Dinner on the Deck, Oscars, Kouts exchange, Scavenger hunt for the Crisis Center, Walk for Alzheimers Victims, Washington Exchange, and buckets to help defray medical expenses for Joe Nemetz and Jeff McMillan. They also attended the State Convention at Center Grove High School.

"It's a great feeling to be involved in something that has the potential to really make a difference. That's what our main goal always is...," said Junior Dyanna Hamstra.

Topping off the year, Sophomore Clarisa Bonilla and Junior Bertil Carl Valenkamp attended the National Student Council Convention in Las Vegas from June 23-30.



Walking into Notre Dame



Notre Dame Team



Hockey Game



Clarisa Bonilla, Megan Kwasniewski, Brianne Kingma, Whitney Prochno, Taylor Clifford, Johnathon Cusack, Derek Kunzman Row 3: Amanda Evans, Aaron Hebdon, Amanda Jackson, Daniel Lewallen, Jorie Kingma, Jessica Melendez, Megan Davidson, Dyanna Hamstra, Kirsten Fifield Row 4: Eric DeKock, Alison Jonkman, Amanda Bonilla, Elizabeth Weaver, Danielle Brubaker, Megan Dier, Michelle Berg, Ryan Smelzer Row 5: Aleasha Wall, Carrie Rice, Janelle Kondos, David Thompson, Andrew Klemp, Veronica Nikolas, Taryn Porter, Bertil Carl Valenkamp, David Fischer Row 6: Destiny Baccano, Jessica Nuss, Lori Kappes, Cassandra Pollard, Lindsey Beeching, Jodi Anderson Row 7: Kacie Woods, Eric VanKley, Lindsey Peo, Trenton Dorn, Patrick Prochno, Laura VanderLugt, Jordan VanWieren, Rebecca Fox, Jacqueline Scheit



Perfect Attendance winners



Student Council planted an evergreen tree on 9/11 at noon and released yellow balloons as a symbol of hope and peace. They chose an evergreen tree to plant because evergreen trees represent eternal life. The tree was planted to honor the victims of 9/11. Junior Megan Passaloukos, along with Principal Mr. Philip Apple, planted the tree with assistance from a Representative from Countryside. "September 11, 'when the world turned,' was a terrible, terrible event for America. What better way to remember America than to plant a tree and allow it to grow. A tree for life and strength. Thank you Student Council for this remembrance," said Mr. Apple. Many students and faculty watched Megan and Mr. Apple plant the tree, and each attendee received a balloon to release at noon.

## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\* "I was not nervous at all about giving my blood because this was my second time giving blood. It was a



great feeling to know that my blood is being used to help out someone else in need, that I don't know." said Senior Kelly Foley \*

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1. "I was really honored to participate in the Spike down that was to raise money for Joe Rimerz. It was a lot of fun to play against the Junior class, too."

"Senior Dustin Wartman"

2. "When I went to donate blood, the nurse could not find a vein. It was really frustrating because I wanted to be able to help someone in need of blood."

"Senior Tiana Jungels"

3. "I joined Student Council because my sisters had told me about the activities and what it's all about, and it sounded appealing to me. I encourage people to join."

"Sophomore Patrick Prochno"

4. "I had to give the last tube of blood out of my other arm or else they couldn't use it. After that hysteria, I felt good that my blood might save someone."

"Senior Tracy Cusack"

5. "I enjoyed doing the Senior wall. I thought about it, and figured this is our time to move on, and start our future. It was time for us to wake up to our alarm clock."

"Senior Aubrey Voyles"



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While holding District at KV, Sophomore Mallie Wicker, Junior David Fischer, Freshman Joshua Hall, and Sophomores Chris Walstra and Karen Heida sing along to karaoke. Student Council members from different schools attended.

Stressing over a Student Council decision, Junior class officer Jeremy Kunzman and Michelle Berg try to agree on a theme.



Student Council

# Student Council



Creating memories to cherish, Student Council held many events during first semester, but they held just as many during second semester. During second semester some end of the year events for seniors were Kiss a Senior 'goodbye,' senior little helper, and the painting of the senior wall. These events were a message of farewell to seniors and good luck.

Other events Student Council held was the Crowning of Mr. Kougar, during half time of a basketball game. "I was really honored to be selected by my fellow classmates to represent the sophomore class at the crowning of Mr. Kougar. It was very fun and exciting." said Sophomore Benjamin Stein.

In addition to hosting the area Council meeting and the Snowball Dance, many students 17 and older plus faculty donated pints of blood while watching movies to help someone else in need of blood.

Hosting the Oscars was another big

event. Winners of the Oscars were as follows: Best Faculty Vehicle-Mr. D.J. Sterrett. Most Spirited Teacher-Mrs. Hallie Chicki, Cutest Couple-Emma Cunningham/Joseph Peretin, Biggest Brown Nose-Jordon VanWienen, Best Car-Gabriel Mijares, Best Jokester-Joshua Wierzbka, Survivor Contestant-Dominic Willis, Most Creative Dresser-Chelsea Castillo, Teacher you would least like to fight-Mr. Mike Peo, Best Teacher saying- "It's all in your head" Mr. Tom Black, Couple that should get together-Samuel Kent/Amanda Bonilla, Celebrity Look Alikes-Joanna Perzee(Donna-70s show), Most Identifiable Car-Johnathon Cusack, Cutest Siblings-Jamie/Jodi Anderson, Best Hair-Benjamin Abbott, Best Actor-Thomas Sandonato, Best Film-Battle of the Bulge, Best Villian-Eric VanKley, Band of The Year-Klemp's Band.



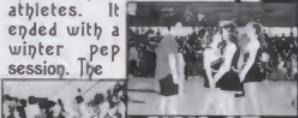
The week before Spring Break sophomore Kahlee Bonesteel sings in front of the student body during one of the many 4th hour activities.

Designing signs for Homecoming week. Freshman Jodi Anderson creatively shows her school spirit!



## Fabulously Fun Facts!

Winterfest was sponsored by Student Council to honor the winter athletes. It ended with a winter pep session. The



activities during the pep session included a parade of athletes, Mr. Cougar, parade, cheerleader dance, and the spiketown trophy award. \*



Along with his date, Mr. Cougar Shawn Davidson, Senior, and his escort, Senior Ashley Retzlaff, pause to have their pictures taken after the game. Shawn commented, "I was happy and so proud of myself."

Jumping to spike the ball, Seniors Dustin Wartman and Kellen Patrick aim high to score a point for the Senior team.

By:  
Rachel Yack



**Concentrating on the game.** Junior Tim Fraticelli gets in the bump position and prepares to hit the volleyball over the net.



Nicole McCue-11



Carrielle Baumgarte -10



Winter Athletes-Boys

Junior Spike-down seniors



I had a lot of fun announcing during Spikedown. Even though we [Juniors] lost, Amanda [Bonilla] and I had a good time cracking jokes during the game," reflected Junior Megan Passaloukos. Megan was one of the announcers during the spikedown game.

Showing their colorful costumes for superhero day, Seniors Josh Wierzba, Danielle Brubaker, Kacie Woods, Kristin Yenches, Whitney Prochno, and Megan Diaz pose like superheroes.



Megan Diaz said, "I had a lot of fun. As a Senior, you don't think twice about what you do since it's your last year. My friends did it too, and they made it more enjoyable."

"What I liked most about the Snowball dance was dancing with all my friends. It was so much fun to get together with my friends and hang out. I can't wait until next year's dance!" Junior Janelle Kondos said enthusiastically with John Zunac.

# Winter Wonder Fest

While the fall athletes had Homecoming to honor their achievements, winter athletes had Winterfest, which was sponsored by Student Council from February 16-20. With different dress-up days, penny wars, a pep session, and the Snowball dance, Winterfest helped revive school spirit when it seemed winter would never end.

Winterfest week began with a Tom Sawyer day on Tuesday, followed by a Mix and Match day, and Superhero day, and the week ended with an '80s dress up day. Penny wars and karaoke were popular lunchtime activities. Karaoke finalists were able to perform at the pep session. Four group finalists performed one minute of their songs. One of the finalists, Senior Amanda Bonilla, remarked, "It was a lot of fun getting in front of the school and letting everyone get a good laugh." Winners could

have received a winter prize package, but no group was chosen as the winner.

Crowning of Mr. Cougar was also a highlight. Nominees were Freshmen Mark Melton, Sophomore Ben Stein, Junior Jeremy Kunzman, and Seniors Mychael King, Joshua Wierzba, Joseph Whitaker, and Shawn Davidson, who was the winner. His sister, Junior Megan Davidson said, "I was really proud of him...when his name was called, everyone was cheering, and that made me happy."

Juniors and Seniors were able to participate in Spikedown, a volleyball game in which the Junior boys played against the Senior boys. Although they had a shaky start, the Senior boys pulled through and won. Senior Devin Dorn recalled, "It was a lot of fun and winning was a bonus because we expected the Juniors to win. We decided to beat them, and we did." At the end of the game, the final score was Seniors 2 games, and Juniors 1 game.

By  
Jessie  
Fuqua

# Sunshine Sells

Although Sunshine sponsored usual activities such as the Sunshine Dance, food drives, Christmas stocking donations, Super Senior dinner and plaques, Senior Award Night refreshments, and Honor Roll rewards, they also experienced change in this community based club.

To be in the club, members had to complete several service projects. If the teen wanted to attend the annual dance, he/she had to sell at least 10 items from the fundraiser. Senior Megan Diaz said, "My strategy for selling my items is to hit up all the teachers first! I did that this year, and six out of the ten I needed to sell were from them."

One of the biggest changes was the lack of participation at certain activities. Even the Mother/Daughter Dessert Bar was cancelled due to the lack of interest. Mrs. Price said, "I was very sorry to see the lack of interest in the Ideal Lady Mother/Daughter Dessert Bar. It has always turned out to be a nice evening for the girls and their

mothers. We had no choice but to cancel since the total number of girls and ideal persons coming was only 38 people."

The girls did however show interest in other things such as the hayride in October, the stocking collection in December, the shoe drive in February, the Easter egg hunt in April, the Riley Hospital Fundrasier, and the Oak Grove 50's Party.

Many girls completed service projects throughout the year to stay an active member of the club. The basic services that were completed were baby-sitting, helping the elderly, participating in the food drives and helping to clean the community. Junior Theresa Cruickshank said, "I went and helped my next door neighbor with her yard work, because she is really really old, and couldn't really do it herself. Even though it was hard work, it still felt good to do something to help her out."

Sponsors of the club were Mrs. Lynn Ginzer and Mrs. Pat Price.



During the passing out of the fundraiser items, Miss. Karen Howard and Sophomore Rachel Kikkert make sure that the correct number of items are being taken home to distribute.

Sunshine sponsored and brought in the food needed for the lunch served to the teachers for Teacher Appreciation week. The lunch was served during fourth hour for all staff members.





## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\*Each year Sunshine members are required to sell the annual fundraiser. The more the girls sold, the more money they



received off their ticket to the Sunshine

Dance. The girls had to sell at least ten items to attend.\*



Miss Karen Powell  
Rebecca Fox 9



Sunshine Row 1: Jorie Kingma, Jennifer Davis, Alison Schultz, Hannah Birk, Kelsey Nanengra, Ashley Jonkman, Stevie Alexander, Morgann VanKley, Lindsey Shear, Row 2: Melanie Valdez, Amanda Ford, Keely Woods, Mary Kathryn Frederick, Jacqueline Scheidt, Jeni Meyer, Brittan Hancock, Melissa Hasch, Brittany Scott, Jodi Anderson, Row 3: Nicole Brown, Anne Janavich, Rojelly Almira, Nicole Pilachowski, Abigayle Sandonato, Kirah Fifield, Lauren Brubaker, Breann Rentschler, Viviana Mijares, Brandy McCarty, Row 4: Melanie Merriman, Tiffany Tisdale, Amanda Jackson, Christiana Roorda, Randee Iversen, Rebecca Fox, Jodi Williamson, Chelsea Castillo, Row 5: Michelle Moran, Megan Odle, Erica Greenlee, Desiree Hornback, Tiffany Livingood, Heather Graham, Melanie Daniels, Row 6: Sarah Luttringer, Anastasia Christian, Samantha Medina, Tonya Davis.



Sunshine Row 1: Cecilia Heckman, Ashley Pierson, Carlyn Oezer, Stephani Mann, Ashley Stansberry, Ann Dykstra, Carri Dickerson, Elizabeth Moran, Lori Kappes, Carmen VanKley, Shannon Abrell, Brandy DeVries, Row 2: Alicia Anderson, Ashton DeVries, Kara Prentoski, Brittany Patton, Sara Boer, Jessica Nuss, Meagan Anderson, Alyssa Tomich, Emily Penninga, Row 3: Amanda Thompson, Melanie Klunder, Jerica Whitlock, Cheri Ammerman, Carrielle Baumgartner, Ashley Antkowiak, Cassandra Coffer, Jessi Jungels, Christine Miles, Row 4: Ashley Tronjo, Jennifer Kurowsky, Jessica Thys, Holly Logan, Ashley Murray, Laura VanderLugt, Ashlee Bonesteel, Caitlin Sittema, Row 5: Emma Cunningham, Jamie VanderMolen, Stacey Polomchak, Lauren Laski, Rachel Kikkert, Destiny Baccino, Brittanie Chevrete, Ashley Martin.

## ***Fabulously Fun Facts!***

\* Once again, Sunshine Club held a donut breakfast on December 19.

Sunshine Sponsor Mrs. Price said, "We have the break-



fast to support food pantries and to have teens help out in the community. We got rid of 75 dozen donuts and collected 500 cans of food and \$500."



*While cooling down before they start dancing again, Seniors Kacie Woods, Jonathon Misiora, and Jon Estill sit and talk with their peers. Sunshine Dance was the second largest dance at KV and was the only other formal besides Prom.*

*As they watch other people dance, Sophomores Carly Rice and Brandy DeVries laugh at an event that happened earlier on in the evening. "The Sunshine Dance was a crazy night and I had a lot of fun dancing with all of my friends," said Carly Rice.*

*By:  
Jennifer  
Bennett*



*'I love to go to the Sunshine Dance every year because you can dance with your date and all your friends!'* said Junior Scott Hoffman while dancing with Senior Courtney Grevenstuk.

# Sunshine Activities



Another year of school meant another Sunshine dance and more community services for the Sunshine Club. Sophomore Alicia Anderson, one Sunshine member who did a community service project, replied, "My friend and I were waitresses for a church party. It was a good experience, and I loved it. If they have it next year, I will definitely sign up for it again!"

Sunshine contributed to the community in many ways. "Share Your Soles-Shoe Drive" was held in February. Students collected shoes to be sent over seas. Canned food, money, and presents were donated to the food pantry and/or the miracle tree for underprivileged families. For Christmas, members donated 150 stockings and fruit baskets to hospitals, in order to help hospitalized children and senior citizens enjoy the holiday.

To be able to be in Sunshine, a fee of \$10 had to be paid, along with performing five acts of community service. Favorite community services

included baby-sitting kids for free, taking mission trips, raking leaves, cleaning people's homes, or running errands for the elderly.

Mrs. Pat Price Sunshine sponsor said, "Most people join the Sunshine Club just to go to the dance and still do that today. That's why not a lot of Seniors joined this year." The dance was held on November 8. Sunshine officers Alison Jonkman (President), Ashley Liston (Vice President), Stephanie Kikkert (Treasurer), and Heather Zylstra (Secretary) decided to have a South Pacific Serenade theme. Decorations were picked out and put up by a business called KV Creations. Members chose Laurie as their DJ.

When asked about helping plan the Sunshine Dance, Stephanie Kikkert, said, "Although it's not the key factor, the Sunshine Dance is an awesome bonus for a Sunshine Club member. The hot music and incredible decorations spice up the night, but it's all about the people and atmosphere."

Tara Pellegrini-11  
Jennifer Bennett-11

Courtney Grevenstuk-12

Samantha Moran-11

Tiffany Livengood-9

Brandon Phillips-10, Carrie Rice-11  
Daniel Rosenberg-12

Zsuzsanna Rona-12



Grade 11 Row 1: Michelle Berg, Jennifer Bennett, Tara Pellegrini, Ashlee Matson, Tony Brust, Brittan Luketic, Taylor Clifford, Alesha Wall, Cassandra Poisel, Row 2: Cassandra Pollard, Jamie Anderson, Elizabeth Sutton, Emily Smith, Kathy Kemp, Jennifer Nannenga, Carrie Rice, Rebecca Bledsoe, Tiffany Nemtuda, Row 3: Lindsey Reed, Dyanna Hamstra, Ashley Tillema, Maike Kock, Amanda Raymond, Michelle Anderson, Jill DeVries. Row 4: Elizabeth Krescher, Megan Passalakou, Candiss Abell, Taryn Porter, Michelle Schurman, Kirsten Fifield, Row 5: Ashley Vanekley, Jamie Jones, Meghan England, Kaitlyn Ketchum, Cassie Gray, Heather Hylemen, Douglas Shupe, Nicole Gobin. Row 6: Christine Sullivan, Samantha Phillips, Kori Jarrell, Julie Dowhen, Sarah Jabay, Jennifer Pastry, Kristen Schultz. Row 7: Meagan Clarich, Jillian Golly, Theresa Cruickshank, Katie Huhn, Jessie Fuqua.



Grade 12 Row 1: Ashley Retzlaff, Zsuzsanna Rona, Stephanie Paucod, Kelly Foley, Danielle Rubraker, Bailey Serociński, Anna Giatlin, Brianna Womac, Krystal Barton, Meggan Crim, Lindsay Peo. Row 2: Mrs. Pat Price, Alison Jonkman, Stephanie Kikkert, Angelena Oliver, Amber Cooper, JoEllen Wright, Katelyn Blakely, Tricia Miley, Jennifer Klunder. Row 3: Jennifer Allen, Stephanie Call, Lindsay Hamstra, Andrea Burinson, Laura Seegers, Rebecca Fraley, Megan Hinchy, Jennifer Chernowsky, Whitney Prochno, Kristin Yenuchs. Row 4: Krysten Gunter, Courtney Grevenstuk, Dwight Hewitt, Jennifer Taylor, Rene Hoffman, Mandy Koster, Jessica Peters, Kimberly Webber, Megan Diaz, Kacie Woods.



## Fabulously Fun Facts!

\*Assisting Mrs. McKinney in her English and Journalism classes was Ms. Huss, a College student.



Ms. Huss was a Senior at Saint Joseph's College. She majored in English and student taught for 14 weeks



1. I love being in yearbook. I have learned so much responsibility since I became Sports Editor. This class has made my Senior year better than I thought it could be.

"Senior Amber Couper"

2. I love yearbook because you get to meet a lot of new people. It teaches you responsibility, and it's a lot of fun. The best thing about yearbook is you can be yourself.

"Junior Samantha Phillips"

3. I learned so much in Yearbook. It has been so much fun working on spreads and learning how to do things I didn't know how to do. I'm looking forward to next year.

"Freshman Daine Willis"

4. Being in yearbook has opened my eyes to how important it is for everyone to work together and how much behind the scenes work is done that no one notices.

"Junior Rachel Tack"

5. Yearbook has changed my life in so many ways. I can't wait to be an Editor-in-Chief next year and improve my skills. I have grown up so much since I started this class.

"Sophomore Ashley Pierson"



By:  
Amanda  
Thompson



Working in class. Junior Samantha Moran writes captions for her practice spread. The new students had to do a practice spread before they could work on a spread for the yearbook.

Selling yearbooks during the beginning of the year. Freshman Daine Willis, Seniors Amanda Schaper and Kammi Luyon, and Freshman Olivia Ortiz try to promote the yearbook. Senior Aaron Mann bought a book.



Yearbook

# Yearbook teaches leadership

Although the people who understood the fundamentals of yearbook were few and far between, there were those special students who devoted their time to putting an award-winning book together.

The class consisted of twenty-one girls and one boy, all of whom added their own unique personalities to the group. Junior Jessie Fuqua said, "Since I've been in yearbook, I've been more self confident. I learned that I can be myself, and I don't have to pretend to be someone else for people to like me. It's all about being you."

Starting the school year out with a bang, ten students, old and new, went on a two day trip to Franklin College for a state convention. At the convention, Senior Amber Cooper won the Harvey Award for best sports photography. "It was so exciting to win the Harvey Award. When they called my name, I didn't believe it at first. It was a great experience," said Amber. After returning to the school, staffers got down to work designing a top yearbook. Editors-in-Chief Courtney Grevenstuk

and Amanda Schaper got to work setting things up for the year, as the Section Editors Ashley Miller, Amber Cooper, Amanda Thompson, Ashley Pierson, April Killion, and Cheryl Mathews went to work designing and assigning spreads and assigning deadlines. In February, the staff was told it received a first place in State competition and was being considered for the coveted Hoosier Star.

In March, additional honors were celebrated when the National Scholastic Press Association gave the staff a first place award with an added distinction for photography. Senior Amanda Schaper said, "A quality yearbook is all about having a quality staff. It takes all your free time, and that includes coming back to school after graduation! Even though it's a lot of hard work, we all manage to have a lot of fun!"

In addition to creating the book and winning awards, the staff funded the book by selling carnations, teddy bears, and pictures for Valentine's Day. They also sold pizza, yearbooks, and ads.



Jennifer Bennett



Amanda Thompson -10



Carlin Oezer -10



Ashlee Matson -11



Courtney Grevenstuk -12



Daine Willis, Siobhan Urbano -12



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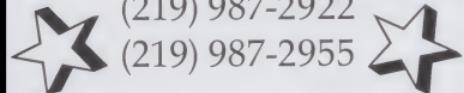
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The cover was designed by Courtney R. Grevenstein and Amanda L. Schaper and incorporates four color litho on 160 pt permocote base cover with gloss lamination. The name plates were red. The endsheets were printed white color white paper with colonial red and brown ink.

The yearbook's 200 pages were printed on 80 pound bordeaux stock. The 2004 volume includes 30 pages in full color.

All body copy was set in varigated type font in 10 and 12. All type was set by pagemaster. The Pride was composed using Microsoft on a IBM compatible computer.

More than 1800 frames of color film were shot by staff members using one 35 mm Pentax and one 35 mm Canon. Processing and printing were done by Tysons Interstate Studios headed by Steve and Deanna Kirk provided portraits. The 500 copies were sold at prices ranging from \$40-\$60, depending on purchase date. Pride is a member of NSPA, JEA, Q & S, and IHSPA. ANY ERRORS ARE ABSOLUTELY NONINTENTIONAL.



# Too dirty to clean our clothes up...

On Wednesday, May 26, Student Council hosted an end of the year "Field Day" from 1-3 p.m. Activities including pudding and Jell-o slip-and-slide, dunk a teacher, tug-o-war, and Red Rover were played across the football field and surrounding areas.

Dunking a teacher cost students .25 for one ball, or \$1 for five balls. Profits helped pay for the tank cost of \$200. Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Gray, Mr. Hostetler, Ms. Howard, and Mr. Sterret were among those dunked to the loss of \$100.

"I didn't have many people who wanted to dunk me, but when Jessi Nuss dunked me, it was enjoyable," said Mrs. Judy Roberts. Other students lined up to slide in pudding and Jell-o or to toss a

cow's tongue around the field.

Senior Kacie Woods said, "It's in my eyes! It's slimy diving in a big pool of junk. I'm not good at the sliding stuff. I just don't get it."

Local fire fighters and cops supervised, while some helped spray down messy students with hoses.

"The water was FREEZING, and my arms are still covered in Jell-o!" said Senior Jarvey Harris.

Students were dismissed at 3:10 in order to clean up. Many students enjoyed the day, which was the first field day in over four years.

"It was really messy, and I can't believe that I actually dove into a pile of pudding. It was gross, but I'll never forget that day," commented Junior Brittany Luketic.



Jennifer Allen



Cassandra Coffey



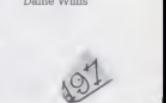
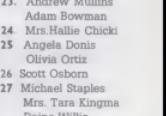
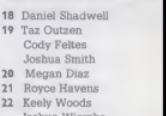
For Junior Gentry Brown, this was his first high school field day. Gentry said, "My favorite part of field day was sliding down the jello and pudding slip-n slide. I went out there to have fun, and that is what I did, but the jello and pudding mix smelled so bad." Gentry went on to say, "I also loved throwing all the clean people in the mud pit."

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and  
Courtney**

Another event that took place later in the afternoon was the mattress races. Carrying Senior Eric Bakrevski, was Seniors Scott Osborn, Thomas Lesczynski, and Joshua Wierza. Eric said, "My biggest fear was on my left side. Josh was holding that side up, and he isn't the strongest lad, and I was the heaviest. Plus I smelled like banana pudding." Adding to that comment Scott said "That track was so hot that I thought my feet were going to burn off."



# Gettin' Dirty



18 Daniel Shadwell

19 Taz Outzen  
Cody Feltes  
Joshua Smith

20 Megan Diaz  
21 Royce Havens  
22 Keely Woods  
Joshua Wierza

23 Andrew Mullins  
Adam Bowman

24 Mrs. Hallie Chicki  
25 Angela Donis  
Olivia Ortiz

26 Scott Osborn  
27 Michael Staples  
Mrs. Tara Kingma  
Daine Willis

# As our lives change, we'll remember....

For some, it was the last walk down the halls, the last trip to English class, the last Algebra class, and the last year of high school. It seemed goodbyes rang loudly as seniors said farewell to their high school lives. Many tributes were given to the seniors.

One of the most popular was the painting of senior blocks, located in the Social Studies hallway. Seniors stayed after school on many days, including May 17, from 3:30 until 7:00 in order to complete their blocks. There were many different styles. Some just put names on them, while others drew pictures to depict activities they were in during high school.

Some other activities included a 16 page senior edition of the *Spirit*, the school paper which usually ran

eight pages. Inside it featured Senior Superlatives where seniors voted on titles like "Most likely to be President" and "Best Vehicle."

Winner of "Next Bill Gates", Mark Terborg, said, "It's great to know that my class has picked up on my personality these past four years." The paper also had "Goodbye to a senior," where any student could put a goodbye message in the paper for \$ 0.25.

Also for a quarter, Student Council hosted "Kiss a Senior Goodbye," where seniors received a Hershey Kiss and a message from a friend.

With everything students and friends did to say goodbye, some seniors found it quite difficult to leave. Deanna Polus said, "I'm sad that it's finally over, but that's what it is. Over."



Before starting horticulture class, Junior Rebeca Bledsoe goes out to the greenhouse to water the flowers. Every spring the class sold the flowers and plants to the teachers. This spring they sold petunias, marigolds, and perennials for \$10. The money that they have earned goes back into the greenhouse fund for next year.

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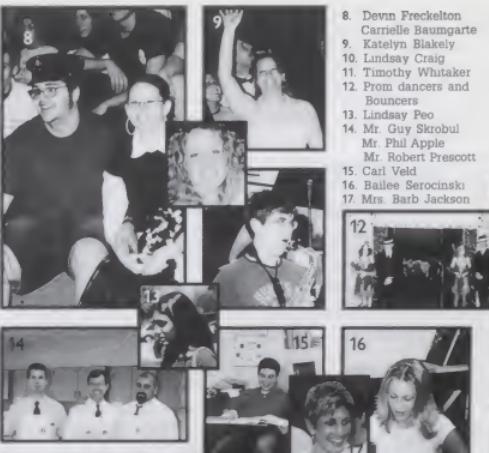
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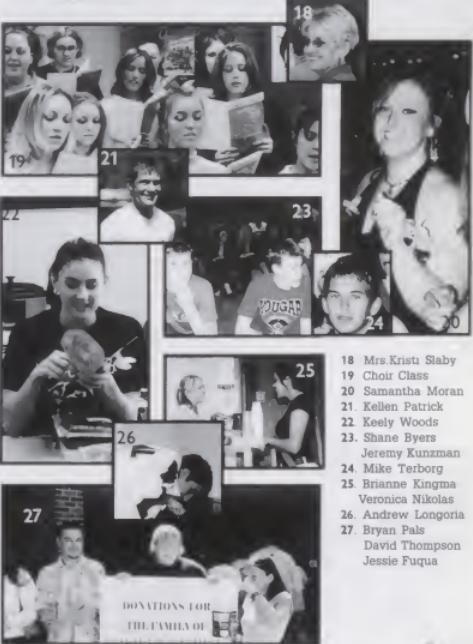
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Engaged in a heated debate, fifth hour speech 1 class is giving their panel discussion on the death penalty. Seniors Brooke Owens, Danielle Brubaker were against the death penalty, Mikhail Baker and Junior Bryan Sisco were for the death penalty. Junior Allison Klicek was the group leader. Danielle said, " I liked doing this discussion because it was fun to win arguments against Mikhail."



# Wrapping it all up



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- 8. Devon Freckleton
- 9. Carrieelle Baumgarde
- 9. Katelyn Blakely
- 10. Lindsey Craig
- 11. Timothy Whitaker
- 12. Prom dancers and Bouncers
- 13. Lindsey Peo
- 14. Mr. Guy Skrobol
- Mr. Phil Apple
- Mr. Robert Prescott
- 15. Carl Veld
- 16. Bailee Serocinski
- 17. Mrs. Barb Jackson



- 18. Mrs. Kristi Slaby
- 19. Choir Class
- 20. Samantha Moran
- 21. Kellen Patrick
- 22. Keely Woods
- 23. Shane Byers
- 24. Jeremy Kunzman
- 24. Mike Terborg
- 25. Brianne Kingma
- Veronica Nikolas
- 26. Andrew Longoria
- 27. Bryan Pals
- David Phillips
- Jessie Fuqua

Looking at the display of Technology students' third high mileage car, Junior Brian Grady reads the captions under each picture to learn more about the car, which was built by Tim Singleton, Matt Dykstra, Jenny Matusiak, Jeff Shethart, Matt Brumley, Melissa Stehler, Alan Walczak, Ruth Speegle, Cory Buckmaster, Chris Eich, Paul Wray, Aaron Hershman, Kevin Zuchowski, Jeremy Murray and Matt Wicker. Mr. Mengel and Mr. Kaluf, were the advisors of the project which scored 322 miles per gallon average and 351 miles per gallon for the day at the Indianapolis Speedway on April 26.



Senior Ashley Retzlaff

# Tieing it together



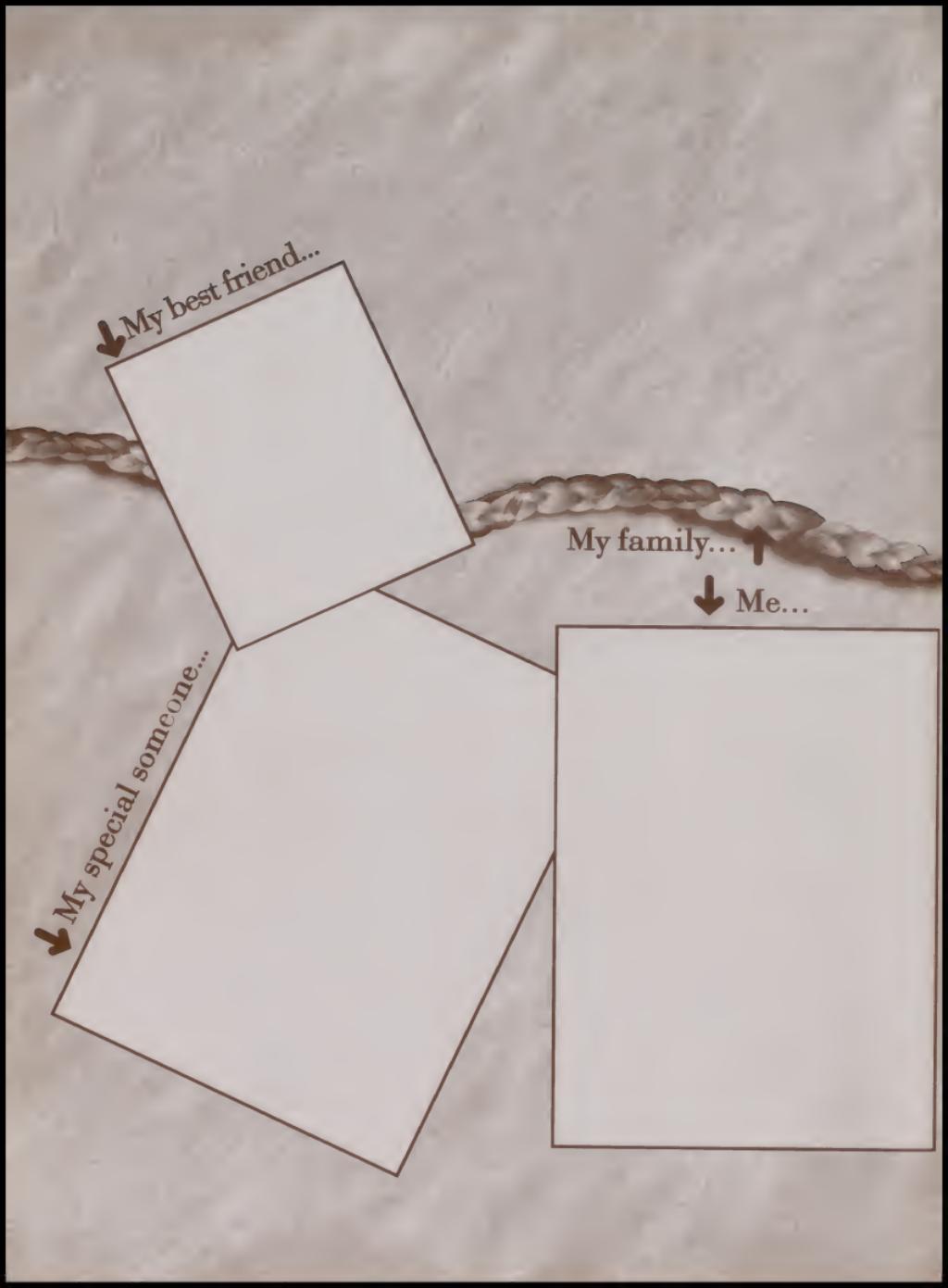
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11. Sylvia Nikollorvia
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15. Kimberly Webber
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My best friend...

My special someone...

My family...

Me...

↓ My most memorable day ...

↑ My favorite teacher ...

My summer vacation ...



